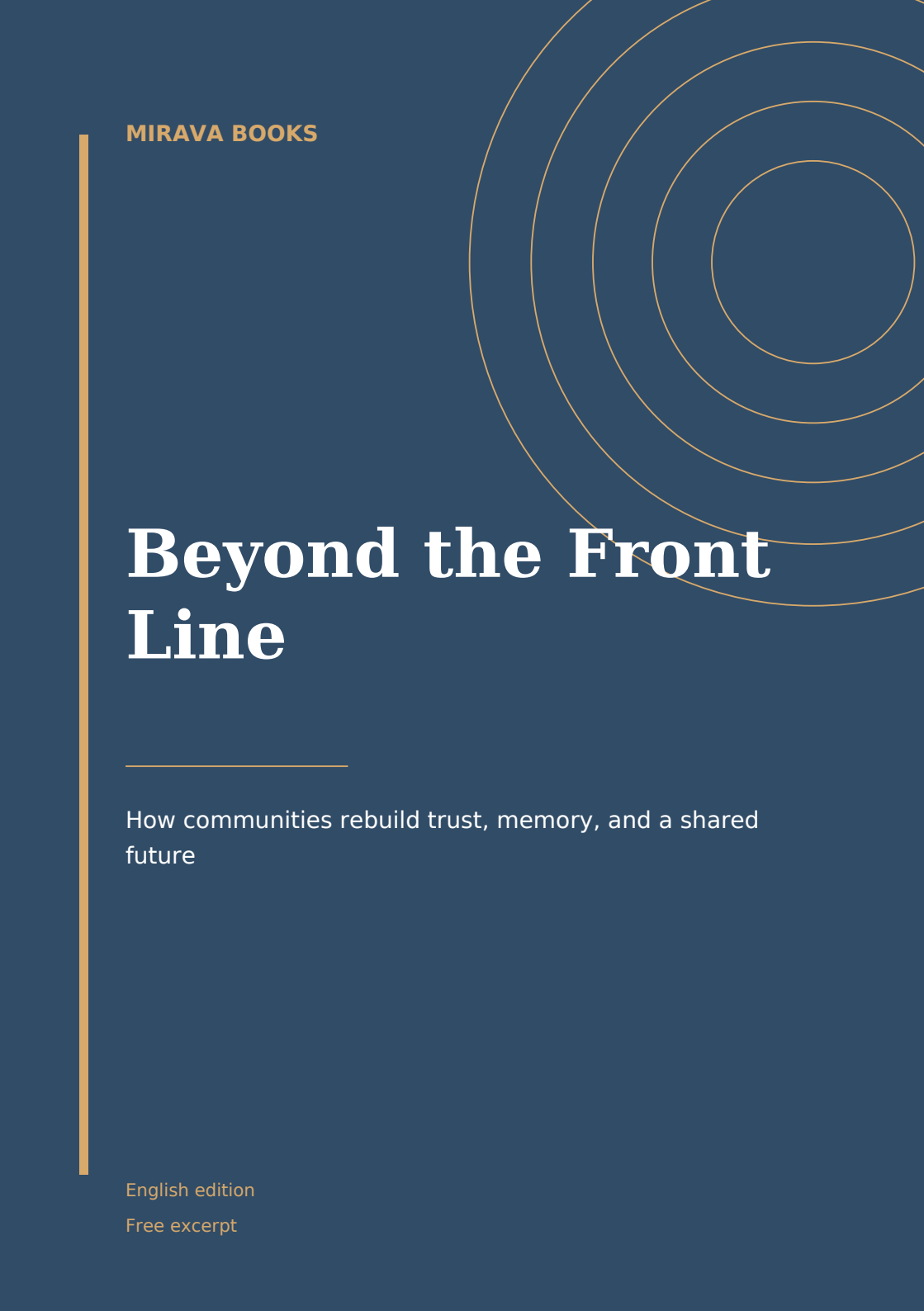




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This manageable route is for residents, volunteers and organisers of local initiatives after destruction and displacement. The title does not mean that the war has ended. The examples are fictional; the proposed actions concern meetings, community projects and everyday assistance. Safety, checkable information and accountability matter more than an appealing story of reconciliation. Participation is voluntary, and declining must not close access to essential help. The text was prepared with artificial intelligence assistance and edited for this edition. Read one chapter at a time and choose only actions suited to your circumstances.

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Safety First

First decide whether a meeting can take place at the chosen location and in the proposed format. Willingness to cooperate does not mean risk has been removed. Follow current instructions from responsible local services; do not ask volunteers to inspect dangerous buildings or unknown objects themselves. If uncertain, choose another format or postpone the event.

A community centre plans a residents' meeting. Some fear publicity. The organiser offers unnamed questions, makes no recording and explains the rules in advance. This is not enough: organisers must also check access to entrances and exits, the journey home and whom people can tell about pressure during the meeting.

The invitation should clearly state the topic, who will attend and whether people may leave early. Do not require a story of loss as a condition of participation. Appoint a facilitator able to stop humiliation and a separate contact for private concerns. Do not promise secrecy organisers cannot ensure, especially on someone else's platform.

Offer participation without public speaking: a short note, an individual message or reading the outcomes later. Leave a contact for practical questions after the meeting. Essential services must remain available to someone who did not attend. Reconciliation cannot be measured by attendance or used to demand contact with a person a participant fears.

Exercise. Review the invitation through the eyes of someone with limited mobility, someone without internet access and someone afraid of publicity. For each, record one barrier and a realistic way to remove it. Then name a circumstance that would cancel the meeting. If organisers cannot explain that decision beforehand, the plan still needs work.

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Further reading

[1] UNESCO — Global citizenship and peace education (further reading) · www.unesco.org