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Judah under Babylonian Rule

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This book is dedicated to the memory of my father

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I am filled with strong longings for that boy of two who was left alone during the Second World War yet found within himself the strength to rise up from the ruins of his family and nation; to build a family; and to be a father, teacher, and educator.

His life is a genuine saga of Falling and Rising.

So then, yours is truly a journey through memory! . . . It was to slough off a burden of nostalgia that you went so far away!

— Italo Calvino, Invisible Cities (translated by William Weaver; Orlando: Harcourt, 1974; Italian original: Le città invisibili, 1972) 98