



## When I Grow Up I Want to Be . . . : The Memoir of Gino Narboni as Told to Charlotte Narboni (Paperback)

By Gino Narboni, Charlotte Narboni

Charlotte Narboni, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.As a young boy living a sheltered life in a predominately Sephardic Jewish enclave in pre-WWII North Africa, Gino Narboni dreamed of a military life in service to his country. Life has a way of intruding . . . even in the dreams of 13-year-old French youngsters. The opening salvos of WWII could be heard in French North Africa. Germany occupied a defeated France with troops and a compliant Vichy government run by the French but controlled by the Germans. German law prevented Jews from serving in combat positions in the Vichy controlled army. Instead, Gino Narboni, now 18 and part way through his pre-college exams, was drafted and sent to Algiers as a chauffeur at an army post, far from most military action. France's General Charles de Gaulle, exiled in London and attempting to raise an army from French citizens living outside France, called for volunteers to join the Free French Forces. Narboni, after hearing the word around the barracks, decided to desert his Vichy unit and help de Gaulle. In an adventure that would...



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