



# BEN CROM

## A Good Year for the Roses

*'Look what I've found,' he says.*

*'Did you dig that up?' asks his father unnecessarily, because the suitcase is covered with mud.*

*'There's nothing weird in it, is there?' his mother asks nervously.*

*'I don't think so,' the boy says, and he grabs the suitcase with both hands and shakes it back and forth. They hear something rattling. The woman, startled, makes a repulsing gesture.*

*A Good Year for the Roses* is the original debut novel from Ben Crom. The story of Nihat and Reenie is, besides being an intense youth drama, a real whodunnit, an exciting youth thriller with a stunning denouement in which the reader can completely lose him or herself. A stunning cross over debut novel and a new promising voice in young adult literature.

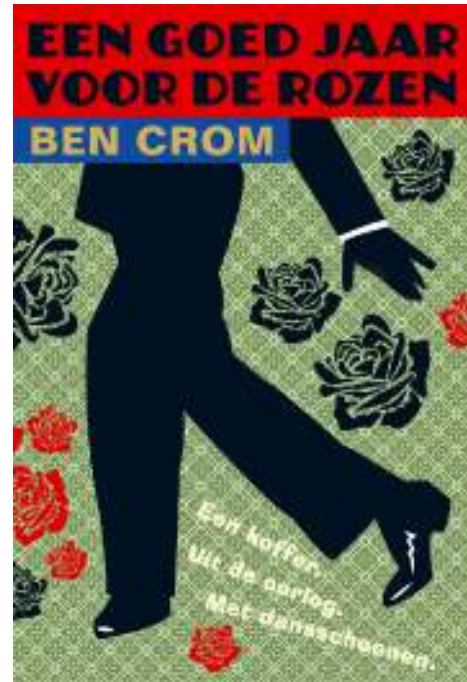
When Nihat Dag digs a hole in his garden, he finds an old suitcase containing a pair of dance shoes. Together with his classmate Reenie Geuze, he decides to unravel the mystery of this remarkable find. With that, **Nihat and Reenie** embark on a journey of discovery along all kinds of dramatic events which took place during the Second World War and revolved around the shoes. The shoes also take them on an adventure which is full of questions about their own lives, and for which they have no ready answers.

### The press on *A Good Year for the Roses*

*'This is what good youth literature aims to be all about; thought-provoking, transporting you to other worlds and leaving you desperate, but all the richer for it.'*  
*Noordhollands Dagblad.*

*'A Good Year for the Roses* is above all a successful debut, well written, about a theme which matters'.

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