**ABSTRACT**

War is unpredictable, so are its consequences. A siege due to war is a military blockade of a city by one party holding a strong, static and a defensive position through proving their dominance by the usage of their military, economic and political powers. The supressed become refugees and their life is at stake. Goodbye Sarajevo is a memoir which renders the life of Sarajevans under the siege and their journey from Sarajevo as refugees to New Zealand by proving life is possible even after dire circumstances. Charles R. Synder’s Hope theory has been applied to expose the optimism in the natives of Sarajevo as they survive by envisaging hope as the through fare between their dreams and goals.