



# Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb

By Ronald Takaki

Download now

Read Online 

## Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki

The bombing of Hiroshima was one of the pivotal events of the twentieth century, yet this controversial question remains unresolved. At the time, General Dwight Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur, and chief of staff Admiral William Leahy all agreed that an atomic attack on Japanese cities was unnecessary. All of them believed that Japan had already been beaten and that the war would soon end. Was the bomb dropped to end the war more quickly? Or did it herald the start of the Cold War? In his probing new study, prizewinning historian Ronald Takaki explores these factors and more. He considers the cultural context of race - the ways in which stereotypes of the Japanese influenced public opinion and policymakers - and also probes the human dimension. Relying on top secret military reports, diaries, and personal letters, Takaki relates international policies to the individuals involved: Los Alamos director J. Robert Oppenheimer, Secretary of State James Byrnes, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and others... but above all, Harry Truman.

 [Download Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb ...pdf](#)

# Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb

By Ronald Takaki

## Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki

The bombing of Hiroshima was one of the pivotal events of the twentieth century, yet this controversial question remains unresolved. At the time, General Dwight Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur, and chief of staff Admiral William Leahy all agreed that an atomic attack on Japanese cities was unnecessary. All of them believed that Japan had already been beaten and that the war would soon end. Was the bomb dropped to end the war more quickly? Or did it herald the start of the Cold War? In his probing new study, prizewinning historian Ronald Takaki explores these factors and more. He considers the cultural context of race - the ways in which stereotypes of the Japanese influenced public opinion and policymakers - and also probes the human dimension. Relying on top secret military reports, diaries, and personal letters, Takaki relates international policies to the individuals involved: Los Alamos director J. Robert Oppenheimer, Secretary of State James Byrnes, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and others... but above all, Harry Truman.

## Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #268648 in Books
- Published on: 1996-09-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 7.99" h x .48" w x 5.00" l, .52 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 208 pages

 [Download Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki

---

### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Ethnic studies professor Takaki argues that racism and a desire to intimidate the Soviet Union were important factors in the decision to use the atomic bomb on Japan.

Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

### From the Back Cover

The bombing of Hiroshima was one of the pivotal events of the twentieth century, yet this controversial question remains unresolved. At the time, General Dwight Eisenhower, General Douglas MacArthur, and chief of staff Admiral William Leahy all agreed that an atomic attack on Japanese cities was unnecessary. All of them believed that Japan had already been beaten and that the war would soon end. Was the bomb dropped to end the war more quickly? Or did it herald the start of the Cold War? In his probing new study, prizewinning historian Ronald Takaki explores these factors and more. He considers the cultural context of race - the ways in which stereotypes of the Japanese influenced public opinion and policymakers - and also probes the human dimension. Relying on top secret military reports, diaries, and personal letters, Takaki relates international policies to the individuals involved: Los Alamos director J. Robert Oppenheimer, Secretary of State James Byrnes, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and others... but above all, Harry Truman.

### About the Author

My grandfather emigrated from Japan to work on the cane fields of Hawaii in 1886, and my mother was born on the Hawi Plantation. As a teenager growing up on Oahu, I was not academically inclined but was actually a surfer. During my senior year, I took a religion course taught by Dr. Shunji Nishi, a Japanese American with a Ph.D. I remember going home and asking my mother, who only had an eighth-grade education: "Mom, what's a Ph.D.?" She answered: "I don't know but he must be very smart." Dr. Nishi became a role model for me, and he arranged for me to attend the College of Wooster. There my fellow white students asked me questions like: "How long have you been in this country? Where did you learn to speak English?" They did not see me as a fellow American. I did not look white or European in ancestry. As a scholar, I have been seeking to write a more inclusive and hence more accurate history of Americans, Chicanos, Native Americans as well as certain European immigrant groups like the Irish and Jews. My scholarship seeks not to separate our diverse groups but to show how our experiences were different but they were not disparate. Multicultural history, as I write and present it, leads not to what Schlesinger calls the "disuniting of America" but rather to the re-uniting of America.

### Users Review

#### From reader reviews:

##### Edward Robinette:

Nowadays reading books become more than want or need but also become a life style. This reading practice give you lot of advantages. The benefits you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book that will improve your knowledge and information. The knowledge you get based on what kind of reserve you read, if you want get more knowledge just go with training books but if you want truly feel happy read one using theme for entertaining like comic or novel. Typically the Hiroshima: Why America

Dropped the Atomic Bomb is kind of guide which is giving the reader erratic experience.

**David Browning:**

This book untitled Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb to be one of several books this best seller in this year, that's because when you read this guide you can get a lot of benefit into it. You will easily to buy this specific book in the book shop or you can order it via online. The publisher in this book sells the e-book too. It makes you more easily to read this book, since you can read this book in your Cell phone. So there is no reason for your requirements to past this reserve from your list.

**Francis Mason:**

Reading a book to become new life style in this year; every people loves to examine a book. When you study a book you can get a lot of benefit. When you read ebooks, you can improve your knowledge, due to the fact book has a lot of information upon it. The information that you will get depend on what kinds of book that you have read. If you need to get information about your research, you can read education books, but if you want to entertain yourself look for a fiction books, these us novel, comics, and soon. The Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb will give you a new experience in looking at a book.

**James Gardner:**

This Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb is completely new way for you who has attention to look for some information because it relief your hunger associated with. Getting deeper you on it getting knowledge more you know otherwise you who still having little bit of digest in reading this Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb can be the light food for yourself because the information inside this particular book is easy to get through anyone. These books build itself in the form that is reachable by anyone, yep I mean in the e-book form. People who think that in reserve form make them feel tired even dizzy this reserve is the answer. So there is absolutely no in reading a e-book especially this one. You can find what you are looking for. It should be here for you actually. So , don't miss that! Just read this e-book style for your better life and knowledge.

**Download and Read Online Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki #A8GPZX1WTJ7**

# **Read Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki for online ebook**

Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki books to read online.

## **Online Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki ebook PDF download**

**Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki Doc**

**Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki Mobipocket**

**Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki EPub**

**A8GPZX1WTJ7: Hiroshima: Why America Dropped the Atomic Bomb By Ronald Takaki**