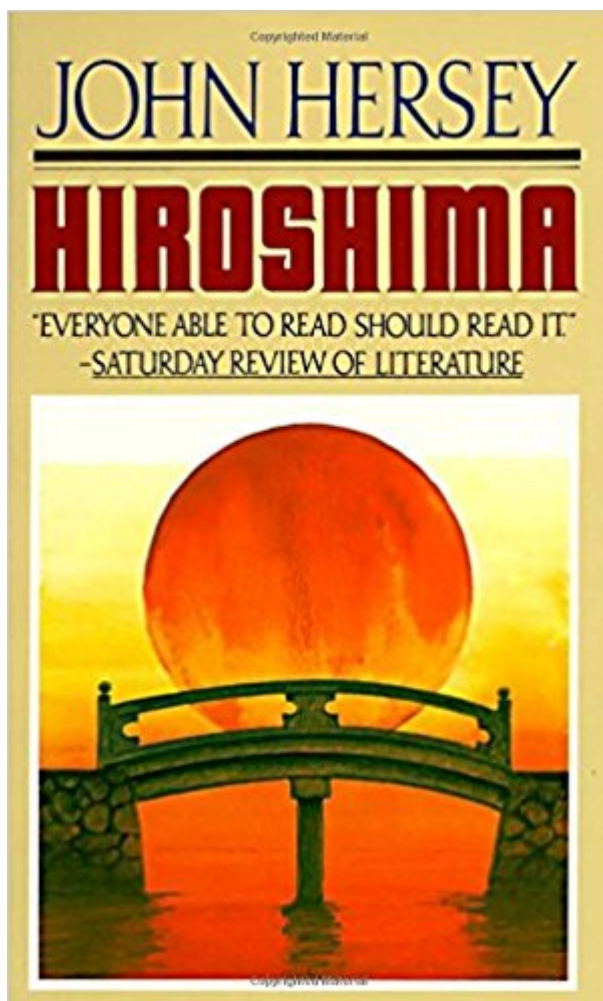




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Synopsis

On August 6, 1945, Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atom bomb ever dropped on a city. This book, John Hersey's journalistic masterpiece, tells what happened on that day. Told through the memories of survivors, this timeless, powerful and compassionate document has become a classic "that stirs the conscience of humanity" (The New York Times). Almost four decades after the original publication of this celebrated book, John Hersey went back to Hiroshima in search of the people whose stories he had told. His account of what he discovered about them is now the eloquent and moving final chapter of Hiroshima.

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Customer Reviews

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, few could have anticipated its potential for devastation. Pulitzer prize-winning author John Hersey recorded the stories of Hiroshima residents shortly after the explosion and, in 1946, Hiroshima was published, giving the world first-hand accounts from people who had survived it. The words of Miss Sasaki, Dr. Fujii, Mrs. Nakamara, Father Kleinsorg, Dr. Sasaki, and the Reverend Tanimoto gave a face to the statistics that saturated the media and solicited an overwhelming public response. Whether you believe the bomb made the difference in the war or that it should never have been dropped, "Hiroshima" is a must read for all of us who live in the shadow of armed conflict. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

On the basis of a return visit 40 years after the dropping of the bomb, Hersey has written a "final chapter" to one of the most important books to come out of World War II. The new chapter follows a

reprint of the original text on the dropping of the first atomic bomb, and is written in the same spare, objective style. In it, Hersey brings up to date the lives of six survivors he covered so brilliantly in 1946. Once again he evokes the humdrum and the surreal elements in the aftermath of the bomb, and with eloquent simplicity he includes statements of other nations' nuclear tests. Compelling, unforgettable, and more timely than ever, this is absolutely essential for collections from junior high on. Robert H. Donahugh, Youngstown and Mahoning Cty. P.L., OhioCopyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

A very different approach to telling this sad but true story of the bombing of Hiroshima. It focuses on a group of survivors, all from different walks of life. They all interact with each other, and the story is told by each person as they tried to understand what had happened. They all touch your heart when you read of the degree of their injuries and how they managed to cope with them. A very unforgettable book.

John Hersey gives you the facts reported by the five survivors of the first atomic bomb. As an excellent journalist he does what many journalists do not do today- he does not give his opinion. It is a wrenching document how these five Japanese civilians survived, where they were that early morning, what they did and how they lived their lives the first year ; 40 years later Hersey returns and records interviews of how their lives proceeded. It is an amazing tribute how people survive war and devastation and return to lead productive lives.As a teacher I introduce this book with information not only of Japan's aggression in the thirties including rape and live experiment's on captured Chinese but include the devastation of Pearl Harbor. Also, I go over what the facts were concerning our invasion of Japan and the cost of lives-all opinions. I let the students make up their own minds. Dolores DeFazio

I read this book in high school and was pleased to find it once again. Hersey is a timeless author and it makes me want to read more of his famous works. This is a five star book but I gave it three stars because of the deplorable condition of the kindle version. There were so many typos and errors that I felt I needed a translator and I was born speaking English!! I have never read or seen more typos in any of my over 600 kindle books as in this version. It appeared to me that it was typed by a juvenile making their first foray into typing.The only other complaint have is that in this book omitted the "updates" Hersey added on the characters written about after the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Shame on for letting out such an inferior version of a timeless classic!!

A Must Read! Written initially the year after the bomb was dropped, this novel recounts the journeys of five survivors the day of the bombing, and is largely credited with shifting public opinion on the issue of morality.

If you are interested in WW2 history, especially the bombing of Hiroshima, you must read this book. It is a ground floor look at that day. It shows what life was like during the bombing and leading up to it. It doesn't have an agenda to say it was bad or good, it just shows what it was. You decide the morality of it. But you need to know the reality of it first.

A must read for any human being on earth. Well written personal accounts of this tragic episode in human history put perhaps abstract facts and figures in perspective. Furthermore, a unique if not revolutionary piece of journalism. Can be difficult to read due to content, but I am extremely grateful this is there to be shared and read and not forgotten. If you are using a Kindle, this Kindle version lacks the updated chapter added to the original. It also has quite some copy (spelling) mistakes, words missing etc. that are unnecessary but don't impede on the actual reading.

The Library Journal information for this Kindle edition says it includes the follow up Hersey wrote 40 years later, the "Fifth Chapter" of the revised book. But it is not included.

The praise for this book is all well deserved for a number of reasons. The stories in the book are not only compelling, but the delivery is remarkably easy to read. The author conveys these stories in vivid detail, and makes them very interesting to read. The second half of the book is brief coverage of the lives of the 6 individuals in the years after the bombing.. and these too are compelling because they reveal the human nature. The nature and quality of this type of journalism is very old school compared to what we have today. The author is not trying to influence the reader's thinking.. he's presented a story and lets us fully understand it.

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