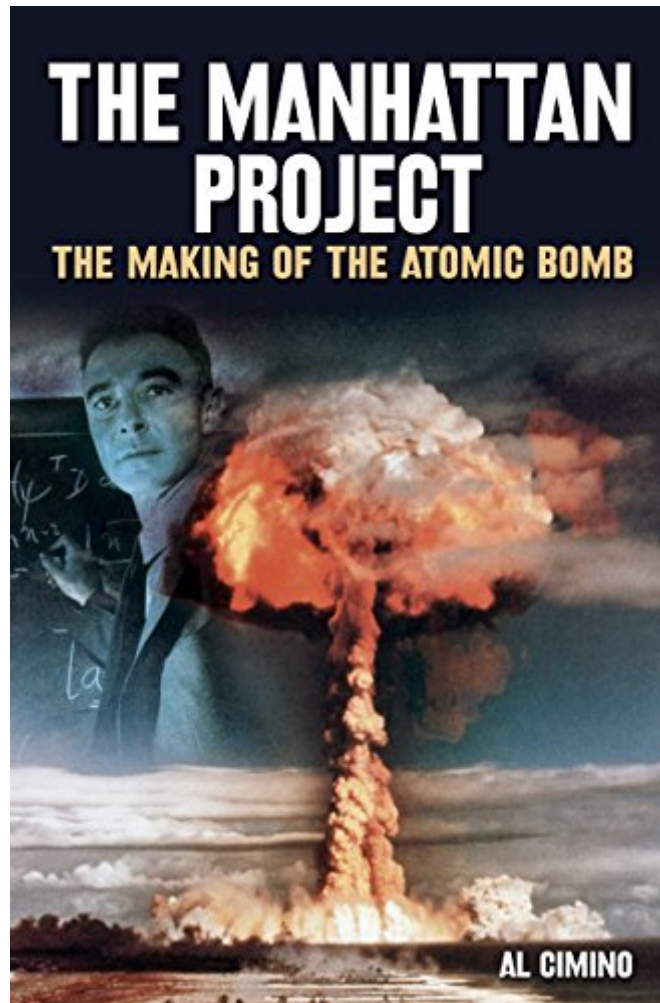




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The Manhattan Project: The Making Of The Atomic Bomb



Synopsis

The ramifications of the Manhattan Project are with us to this day. The atomic bombs that came out of it brought an end to the war in the Pacific, but at a heavy loss of life in Japan and the opening of a Pandora's box that has tested international relations. This book traces the history of the Manhattan Project, from the first glimmerings of the possibility of such a catastrophic weapon to the aftermath of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It profiles the architects of the bomb and how they tried to reconcile their personal feelings with their ambition as scientists. It looks at the role of the politicians and it includes first-hand accounts of those who experienced the effects of the bombings.

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Customer Reviews

Highly recommended as a first or intermediary book about the makings of the first A-bombs. It gives a birds-eye view of the early theoretical discoveries, the experimental beginning, the project itself, the deployment and the aftermath. In the last chapters the horrors really comes alive. The impact on the victims, the scientists and the geopolitical reasons for "dropping the bombs" (an atrociously understated phrase). The author never gets in the way of the story. I wished for more character

detail and less bomb production details and extensive name dropping. More of a human story with a bomb in it, than a bomb with 130,000 anonymous project participants. But the book is clearly described as a project presentation so I'm not complaining. I really like the smaller format, it's not bloated. Some new and valuable insights and realizations, and an appreciated update as the book was recently published. Way under-priced, maybe because of poor editing and typos. An important book, or at least some chapters, for 10th-12th graders and young adults (me being a retired senior enjoyed it immensely).**** spoiler warning **** spoiler warning ****Hilarious events and statements by the scientists made me laugh out load. One scientist did last minute tinkering with the bomb using a dentist's drill! Some last pieces of the test bomb was put in place using scotch tape. A soldier was posted unarmed, to "guard the test bomb", sitting 30 feet up in the air on a chair. Army sleeping mattresses to protect the bomb from damage if it fell down. Many more...

Book is a good concise overview of technical and political aspects of Manhattan Project. Good but lacks concise summary data on actual size and scope of project in terms of cost, people employed, contractors used, land consumed and timeline from start in 1942 to completion in 1945. A truly amazing feat of science and engineering.

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Nice introductory read on the project inception to weapon deployment.

This was a good compilation of the history of the atomic bomb. I felt the narrative was good and not too dry.

Very good physics lesson

A truly fascinating and detailed account of the history of the events surrounding the development of the H bomb. A long read.

well written and informative!

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