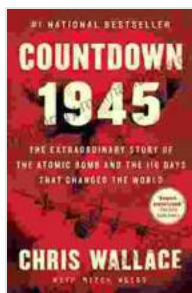


# The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days that Changed the World

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The story of the atomic bomb begins in the early 1930s, when scientists first discovered that it was possible to split the atom. This discovery opened up the possibility of creating a new type of weapon, one that would be far more powerful than any existing weapon.



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In 1939, World War II broke out. The United States and its allies were fighting against Nazi Germany and Japan. The war was going badly for the

Allies, and it was clear that they needed to find a new way to defeat their enemies.

In 1942, the United States government launched the Manhattan Project, a top-secret project to develop the atomic bomb. The project was led by physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, and it involved some of the world's most brilliant scientists.

The Manhattan Project was a massive undertaking. It cost billions of dollars and employed over 100,000 people. The scientists worked tirelessly, and they finally succeeded in developing the atomic bomb in July 1945.

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The bomb destroyed the city and killed over 100,000 people. Three days later, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki. The bomb destroyed the city and killed over 70,000 people.

The atomic bombs brought about the end of World War II. Japan surrendered unconditionally on August 14, 1945. The war had claimed the lives of millions of people, and the atomic bombs had played a major role in its end.

The atomic bombs also had a profound impact on the world after the war. The bombs raised serious questions about the ethics of using nuclear weapons. They also led to the development of the nuclear arms race, which has continued to this day.

## **The 116 Days**

The 116 days between the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were a time of great turmoil and uncertainty. The world was coming to terms with the fact that a new age had begun, an age in which nuclear weapons were a reality.

In the United States, there was a great deal of debate about the use of the atomic bombs. Some people argued that the bombs had been necessary to end the war and save lives. Others argued that the bombs had been a war crime and that they had set a dangerous precedent.

In Japan, the people were devastated by the atomic bombs. They had lost their homes, their families, and their way of life. The bombs had also left a legacy of radiation sickness that would continue to haunt Japan for many years to come.

The 116 days between the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were a time of great change. The world was never the same after the bombs were dropped. The atomic bombs had ushered in a new age, an age in which nuclear weapons were a reality.

## **The Legacy of the Atomic Bomb**

The atomic bombs have had a profound impact on the world in the decades since they were dropped. The bombs have raised serious questions about the ethics of using nuclear weapons. They have also led to the development of the nuclear arms race, which has continued to this day.

The legacy of the atomic bombs is a complex and controversial one. Some people argue that the bombs were necessary to end World War II and save

lives. Others argue that the bombs were a war crime and that they have set a dangerous precedent.

Despite the controversy, the atomic bombs have had a profound impact on the world. The bombs have ushered in a new age, an age in which nuclear weapons are a reality. The world must learn to live with this reality, and it must find a way to prevent nuclear weapons from ever being used again.

## **The Importance of Remembering**

It is important to remember the story of the atomic bomb and the 116 days that changed the world. This story is a reminder of the dangers of nuclear weapons and the importance of peace.

We must never forget the victims of the atomic bombs. We must also remember the scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project. These scientists were brilliant and dedicated, and they believed that they were working for the good of their country.

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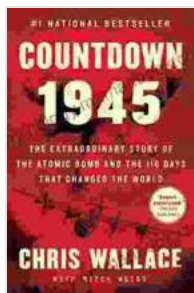
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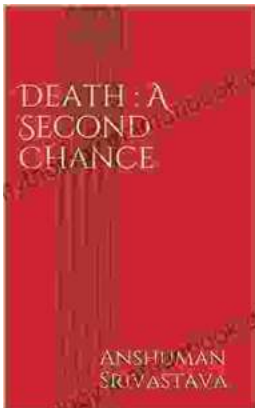
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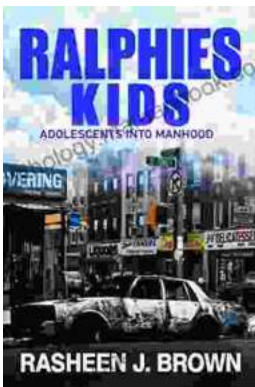
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