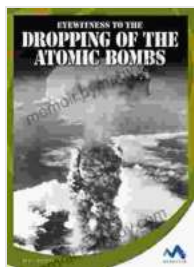


# Eyewitness to the Atomic Bombs: An Unforgettable Account of World War II

On August 6, 1945, at 8:15 a.m., the world changed forever. The United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Three days later, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. These two events marked the end of World War II and the beginning of the atomic age.

There are few people who can speak firsthand about the horrors of that day. One of them is Tsutomu Yamaguchi, who was a young engineer in Nagasaki when the bomb was dropped. In this gripping and unforgettable account, Yamaguchi shares his eyewitness experience of the atomic bombs and the devastating aftermath that followed.



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Yamaguchi's story begins in the days leading up to the bombing. He had been working long hours, and on the morning of August 9, he was exhausted. He decided to take a nap in his office, which was located in the

Mitsubishi Shipyard. At 11:02 a.m., the atomic bomb exploded over Nagasaki.

Yamaguchi was thrown from his office and knocked unconscious. When he woke up, he was in a state of shock. He looked around and saw that the city was in ruins. Buildings were burning, people were screaming, and the air was thick with smoke and debris.

Yamaguchi staggered to his feet and began to walk through the chaos. He saw people with horrific burns, people who were missing limbs, and people who were simply dead. He was overwhelmed by the suffering and destruction that he saw.

Yamaguchi eventually made his way to a hospital, where he was treated for his injuries. He was lucky to be alive, but he was haunted by what he had seen. He knew that he could never forget the horrors of that day.

In the years after the war, Yamaguchi became an outspoken advocate for peace. He spoke to audiences around the world about the dangers of nuclear weapons and the importance of preventing future wars.

Yamaguchi's story is a powerful reminder of the human cost of war. It is a story that should be told and retold, so that we never forget the lessons of the past.

## **The Atomic Bombs**

The atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were the most powerful weapons ever used in war. Each bomb released an energy

equivalent to thousands of tons of TNT, and the explosions created mushroom clouds that reached miles into the sky.

The bombs caused widespread death and destruction. In Hiroshima, an estimated 140,000 people were killed, and another 100,000 were injured. In Nagasaki, an estimated 74,000 people were killed, and another 100,000 were injured.

The bombs also caused long-term health problems for survivors. Many survivors developed cancer, leukemia, and other diseases as a result of their exposure to radiation. The bombs also caused birth defects and other genetic problems in the children of survivors.

## **The Aftermath of the Atomic Bombs**

The atomic bombs had a profound impact on Japan and the world. The bombs ended World War II, but they also ushered in the atomic age. The bombs also raised serious questions about the ethics of using nuclear weapons.

In the years after the war, Japan has worked to rebuild its cities and its economy. Japan has also become a strong advocate for peace and nuclear disarmament.

The atomic bombs are a reminder of the horrors of war and the importance of peace. We must never forget the lessons of the past, and we must work to prevent future wars.

**Tsutomu Yamaguchi**

Tsutomu Yamaguchi was born in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1916. He was a young engineer when the atomic bomb was dropped on his city in 1945. Yamaguchi was thrown from his office and knocked unconscious by the blast. When he woke up, he saw that the city was in ruins. He walked through the chaos, seeing people with horrific burns, missing limbs, and dead. Yamaguchi eventually made his way to a hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

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Yamaguchi died in 2010 at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife and two children.

*Eyewitness to the Atomic Bombs* is a powerful and unforgettable account of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Tsutomu Yamaguchi's firsthand experience of the bombings provides a unique perspective on one of the most tragic events in human history. Yamaguchi's story is a reminder of the human cost of war and the importance of peace.

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