

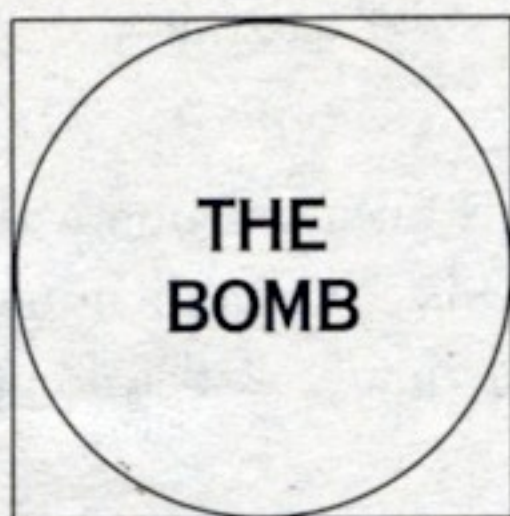


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Early in the morning of August 6, 1945, a big American bomber roars down the runway on a tiny island called Tinian. The pilot is Colonel Tibbets. He has named the plane after his mother, Enola Gay. On a routine mission, a B-29 would carry 4000 to 16,000 pounds of bombs. The *Enola Gay* is on a special mission. It carries a single

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bomb. It is an atom bomb that weighs 8900 pounds. Everyone hopes the atom bomb will finally end a long and horrible war.



Four years before, on December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked American ships in Hawaii without warning. Caught by surprise, many ships and planes were wrecked at the naval base, Pearl Harbor. The United States declared war on Japan and Japan's ally, Germany. With other countries, they fight a war called World War II.

By 1945, Germany has given up. Only Japan fights on. But the United States has a secret weapon — the atom bomb. Nothing is as powerful and as awful. The atom bomb is so terrible that

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the United States hopes it will make Japan stop fighting.



Two other bombers follow the *Enola Gay*. These planes only carry cameras and special instruments to measure the explosion. Together the three bombers turn over the Pacific Ocean and speed through the darkness toward Japan.



**An ALA Booklist Editors' Choice
A Notable Children's Trade Book in the
Field of Social Studies**

On the morning of August 6, 1945, an American bomber, the *Enola Gay*, roars down the runway of the Pacific island, Tinian. Its target is Hiroshima, Japan. Its cargo is an atom bomb.

The same morning, twelve-year-old Sachi and her classmates tear down houses. It is their way of contributing to the war effort.

Suddenly, a teacher yells "B-29! B-29!" There is a blinding light like the sun, a boom like a giant drum. The *Enola Gay* has dropped an atom bomb over Hiroshima.

Will Sachi ever see her family again?

"In quiet, simple prose, Yep tells what happens when the atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima in 1945....Fifty years later, the event is still the focus of furious controversy...and this novella will start classroom discussion across the curriculum."

— *Booklist*, starred review

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