

The Smithsonian and the *Enola Gay*

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Recommended Reading

Books

<p>Code-Name Downfall Thomas B. Allen and Norman I. Polmar Simon & Shuster, 1995</p>	
<p>Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire Richard B. Frank Random House, 1999</p>	<p><i>Authoritative, and loaded with facts and figures.</i></p>
<p>An Exhibit Denied: Lobbying the History of the Enola Gay Martin Harwitt Copernicus, 1996</p>	<p><i>The case for the failed exhibition by the museum director who was fired because of it. Read this alongside the AFA Report, "The Smithsonian and the Enola Gay: A Retrospective on the Controversy 10 Years Later."</i></p>
<p>Weapons of Victory: The Hiroshima Decision Fifty Years Later Robert James Maddox University of Missouri Press, 1995</p>	
<p>Truman and the Hiroshima Cult Robert P. Newman Michigan State University Press, 1995</p>	<p><i>Systematically refutes the arguments of the revisionist historians on Hiroshima and the fall of Japan.</i></p>
<p>Japan's Longest Day The Pacific War Research Society Kodanasha International Ltd., 1968</p>	<p><i>English language edition of Nihon No Ichiban Nagai Hi, Brungei Shunju Ltd., 1965. Well worth the effort to track down by interlibrary loan.</i></p>
<p>Japan at War Gerald Simons, ed. Time-Life Books, 1980</p>	
<p>War's End Charles W. Sweeney, with James and Marion Antonucci Avon Books, 1997</p>	<p><i>Memoir of the aircraft commander on the Nagasaki mission.</i></p>
<p>Return of the Enola Gay Paul W. Tibbets Mid Coast Marketing, 1998</p>	<p><i>Updated and revised version of The Tibbets Story.</i></p>
<p>The Tibbets Story Paul W. Tibbets, with Clair Stebbins and Harry Franken Stein and Day, 1978</p>	

<p><i>Bombers Over Japan</i> Keith Wheeler Time-Life Books, 1982</p>	
<p><i>The Fall of Japan</i> Keith Wheeler Time-Life Books, 1983</p>	<p><i>Excellent popular summaries in an excellent series. Out of print, but readily available in libraries and from used book dealers.</i></p>
<p><i>The Last Great Victory: The End of World War II, July/August 1945</i> Stanley Weintraub Dutton, 1995</p>	

Articles

“Blown Away”

Thomas B. Allen and Norman Polmar
Washingtonian
August 1995

“Strategic Bombing in the Pacific, 1942–1945”

Alvin D. Coox
Case Studies in Strategic Bombardment (R. Cargill Hall, ed.), p. 253–381
Air Force History and Museums Program
1998

“Previews of Hell”

Edward J. Drea
MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History, Spring 1995

“The Enola Gay Explosion” (an editorial)

Washington Post
Jan. 20, 1995

“Peering Through Different Bombsights: Military Historians, Diplomatic Historians, and the Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb”

Jeffrey J. Roberts
Airpower Journal
Spring 1998

“The Smithsonian Changes Course” (an editorial)

Washington Post
Feb. 1, 1995

“The Smithsonian and the Enola Gay”

Wilcomb E. Washburn
The National Interest
Summer 1995

“The B-29, the A-Bomb, and the Japanese Surrender”

Herman J. Wolk
Air Force Magazine
February 1975