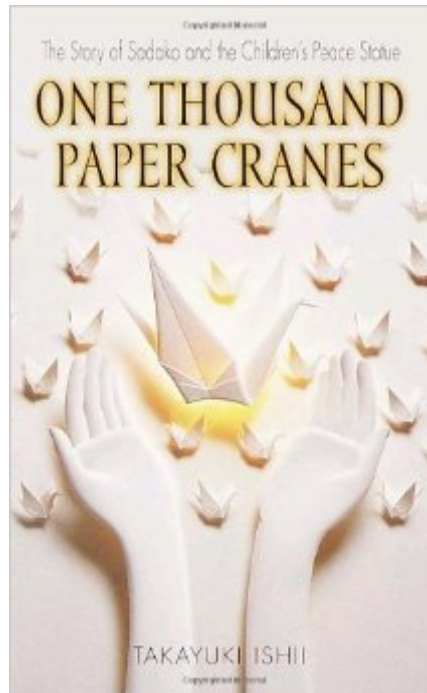


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One Thousand Paper Cranes: The Story Of Sadako And The Children's Peace Statue



Synopsis

The inspirational story of the Japanese national campaign to build the Children's Peace Statue honoring Sadako and hundreds of other children who died as a result of the bombing of Hiroshima. Ten years after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Sadako Sasaki died as a result of atomic bomb disease. Sadako's determination to fold one thousand paper cranes and her courageous struggle with her illness inspired her classmates. After her death, they started a national campaign to build the Children's Peace Statue to remember Sadako and the many other children who were victims of the Hiroshima bombing. On top of the statue is a girl holding a large crane in her outstretched arms. Today in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, this statue of Sadako is beautifully decorated with thousands of paper cranes given by people throughout the world.

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Customer Reviews

Often fiction leads us into a story and leaves us helpless to change anything. Takayuki Ishii's book takes us into the real world of Sadako Sasaki who died of leukemia years after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. This is a well researched document, with family and classmate interviews, which sheds light on the real child whose world changed as a result of adult decisions. Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park is home to a statue commemorating Sadako's life. It was built by the donations solicited by her classmates. Each day children from all over the world send folded paper

cranes to this statue in her memory and in the hope for world peace. It is rare for a teacher to have the opportunity to compare and contrast a fictionalized event with the non fictional and rarer, still, to then have the opportunity to construct a real life project, from classroom reading, for students which will make the voices of the children heard. I am a teacher and the children in my school, the Henry Viscardi School, forwarded their cranes to the statue. This moving experience is recorded on our school Web site (under Japanese Odyssey)and was inspired by Reverend Ishii's book. The book had been published first in Japan. Random House has now made it available in the United States and as word of its publication reaches schools and libraries, it is destined to become a "must have" for every American classroom.

...this is the kind of book that continues to haunt you long after you put it down. I read this book in elementary school and then stumbled across it as an adult - even re-reading it as an adult, I was shocked by the descriptions of the damage done by the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This book is a must-read. As an American, I believe that the atom bomb was a necessary evil to stop World War II; however, as a human, I believe the atom bomb was a horrible atrocity unleashed on millions of people, including a child named Sadako whose story is poignantly told here. This book is an eye-opener, a heart-wrencher and a beautiful story.

This book will put a fist around your heart and squeeze it to death. It will put tears in your eyes from the first page to the last. It tells you a story that needs to be told. We all need to hear this story. We all need to learn from the past and we need to take steps to not repeat what we did. As I have read this book I get angry and very emotional and have tears in my eyes. This book had ripped out my heart.

No matter what side you are on in the debate on the use of the atomic bombs during WWII, this is a "must read". As a science teacher, I read this book to my Advanced Chemistry class at the conclusion of our nuclear chemistry unit. However, I have yet been able to read it through without crying. And I have not been alone. Sadako's story should teach us all a lesson. My students may not remember the specifics of chain reactions or nuclear decay. But I guarantee that they will remember Sadako's story. I want them to be informed citizens who make educated choices. One thing that history has shown us is that it repeats itself. What a horrible thought.....that another little girl become a "Sadako". I would hate to think that next time her name might be an American one.....It chills me to the bone.

My grandson read this book in school & said it was a very good book & I would really like it but I would cry. We read it together & he was right. Taka tells the story of a brave young girl, Sadako, the atom bomb, her family & friends & The Children's Peace Statue. This is a well written account of what happened after the bomb & we will all remember this story. Thank you for sharing this with us Taka.

Are you the type or reader who enjoys reading about real people who fight through tough situations? Well, then this book is for you to read. This wonderful book was about a girl named Sadako who got radiation from the atomic bomb in World War II when she was only two years old. Sadako really loved school and was on a Bamboo Relay Team at her school. She had a race and when she was running, she started to get dizzy. She went to the hospital and turns out, she got the Atomic Bomb Disease. Sadako was really scared to die at a young age of 12 years old. Her friend came to visit her in the hospital, and she told Sadako that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, you get a wish from the gods. That made Sadako determined to fold 1000 paper cranes. When I was reading this book, I couldn't stop reading it. I really got to know the main character, Sadako, and I liked her a lot. She had a ton of hope, determination, and courage to fold one thousand paper cranes so she can get better. She's an example to all the children who has diseases or illnesses. This book was such a powerful and inspirational book to me. I learned from this book that you can truly accomplish your goals and dreams when you are going through something really difficult. Sadako showed readers this. It made me realize that I really can do anything I put my mind on. So readers, if you are tempted to read this very inspirational book, go ahead. Read it!

I've read any number of books about WWII that cover the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And the debate still goes on about whether it was necessary to drop one or both of them to hurry the end of the war. I have also read books about the effects on the people in those cities. But this is the first book that I have read that focused on the life of one girl and her family. From the initial effects from the blast to other medical issues that can take a long time to develop the author paints a picture of a family struggling with the continuing deterioration of their daughter Sadako and her bright, cheerful personality that made such a lasting impression on all who met her. A statue of her represents all of the children who were affected by the bombing mounted on top of the Children's Peace Statue in Hiroshima's Peace Park. It is their wish that atomic bombs will never be used again.

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