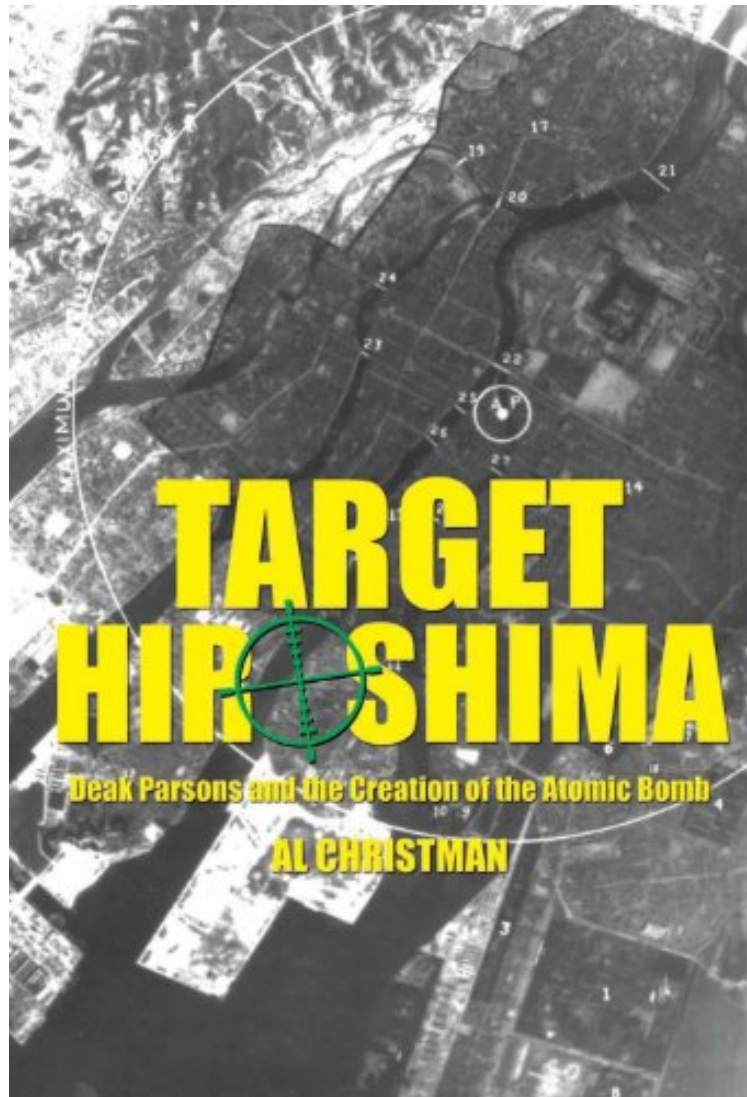


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. He paved a path to the 21st century; we follow.Von Ein KundeParsons showed how to bridge the gap between 20th

century pure science and engineering application. In so doing, he provided the blue print for all of the successful technological enterprises of the past few decades. Knowingly or not, the model has been followed by the likes of Jobs, Gates, the bio-tech industry among others. Before Parsons, science could split the atom, but not build a bomb (or other useful application). Christman shows us Parsons, and how his unique knowledge and skill allowed him to make the connection, first in the early development of radar, then in the development of the proximity fuze (which together are the ancestors of all modern "smart weapons." Finally, in the paradigm of scientific enterprise, the development of the first a-bombs at Los Alamos. Before an early death, he began to realize the tragic long-term consequences of some of his work, but never lost sight of the need to harness scientific discovery into meaningful and practical uses. Arguably, without his demonstration of how to coordinate science with meaningful enterprise (in his case, the military), reaching the moon in the sixties, user-friendly computers on every desktop with internet access in the nineties, and scores of other tools we take for granted would not have been available and accessible to us common people. A must read for anyone entering, establishing or participating in technological enterprise, and a fascinating window on some of the "secrets" of the World War II era.

Kurzbeschreibung For better or worse, Navy captain William S. "Deak" Parsons made the atomic bomb happen. As ordnance chief and associate director at Los Alamos, Parsons turned the scientists' nuclear creation into a practical weapon. As weaponeer, he completed the assembly of "Little Boy" during the flight to Hiroshima. As bomb commander, he approved the release of the bomb that forever changed the world. Yet over the past fifty years only fragments of his story have appeared, in part because of his own self-effacement and the nation's demand for secrecy. Based on recently declassified Manhattan Project documents, including Parsons' logs and other untapped sources, the book offers an unvarnished account of this unsung hero and his involvement in some of the greatest scientific advances of the twentieth century.