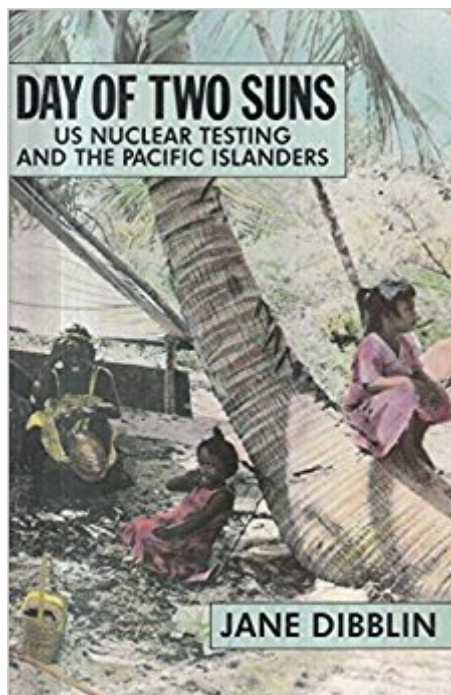




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Synopsis

Between 1946 and 1958, the U.S. conducted some 66 nuclear bomb tests in the Marshall Islands. In 1959, this scattering of coral atolls was again chosen as the testing site for a new generation of weapons—long-range missiles fired in the U.S. Then in 1984 a missile fired from California was intercepted by one from Kwajalein atoll: SDI, or Star Wars, was declared a realizable dream. As military researcher Owen Wilkes has noted: "If we could shut down the Pacific Missile Range, we could cut off half the momentum of the nuclear race." This is the story of the preparations for war which every day impinge on the lives of Pacific Islanders caught on the cutting edge of the nuclear arms race. It is the story of a displaced people contaminated by nuclear fallout, forcibly resettled as their own islands become uninhabitable, and reduced to lives of poverty, ill-health, and dependence. It is also a stirring account of the Marshall Islanders themselves, of their resilience and protest, and of their attempts to seek redress in the courts. It is a shocking and timely study. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Dibblin, a British journalist with a clear antinuclear agenda, presents a most disturbing portrait of the effects of nuclear weapons testing on the people of Micronesia. Beginning with the explosion of nuclear bombs on the islands in 1946, the policies of the United States have transformed a people who were once happy, healthy, and economically self-sufficient into a people who are angry, unhealthy, living in near-poverty, and economically dependent on the United States. The book is reasonably well-documented, particularly with its many first-person accounts from Micronesian

women, and while there are other books which treat portions of this subject, such as Warfare in a Fragile World: Military Impact on the Human Environment (Stockholm International Peace Research Inst., 1980), no other work covers this aspect of nuclear weapons testing as comprehensively. Recommended for subject collections.- Thomas J. Baldino, Juniata Coll., Huntingdon, Pa. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

The reader feels in the presence of thoughtful individuals -- they bear witness to the folly of nuclear weaponry. (The New York Times) Day of Two Suns gives light as well as heat --. Her book is a real achievement. (The Observer) Dibblin's well-researched and well-written book brings out the human dimension of the nuclear testing issue. (City Limits) Both analytical and humanistic. Highly recommended. (Shelley Anderson) A well-researched study. (Scitech Book News) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

It's amazing what has been shielded from us during those times (and still going on). We should be ashamed. Why have we abused and mistreated some many human beings and never accepted our misdeeds? The American government has truly failed. Great read.

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Since I was looking foreward to the actual thermonuclear tests done on Bikini, as opposed to the terrible treatment of the Bikinians by our govenment, this book was extremely boring to me. The actual pre-tesing, the test and the resulting fall out was not covered enough for me. This could have been done much better if more actual details of the testing were covered.

This book is an interesting look at the nuclear testing the U.S. did in the Pacific Islands. It is a great book when you must write a paper on the subject, because of its understandability. I would recommend that anybody who wants to know about the horrors that the Islanders went through during the testing and the aftermath of testing should take a look at this book.

The native population on Rongelap were in close proximity and downwind of a 15-megaton H-bomb test. Jane Dibblin provides an investigative reporter's account of the devastating impact on the islanders.

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