The Smithsonian and the *Enola Gay*
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## Recommended Reading

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*Code-Name Downfall* is authoritative, and loaded with facts and figures.

*Downfall: The End of the Imperial Japanese Empire* is 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.”

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*Weapons of Victory: The Hiroshima Decision Fifty Years Later* systematically refutes the arguments of the revisionist historians on Hiroshima and the fall of Japan.

*Japan’s Longest Day* is the English language edition of *Nihon No Ichiban Nagai Hi*, Brungei Shunju Ltd., 1965. Well worth the effort to track down by interlibrary loan.

*War’s End* is the memoir of the aircraft commander on the Nagasaki mission.

*Return of the Enola Gay* is an updated and revised version of *The Tibbets Story*. 

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*Japan at War* is a comprehensive collection of photographs and articles from *Time* and *Life* magazines during World War II.
### Bombers Over Japan
Keith Wheeler  
Time-Life Books, 1982

### The Fall of Japan
Keith Wheeler  
Time-Life Books, 1983

The Last Great Victory: The End of World War II, July/August 1945  
Stanley Weintraub  
Dutton, 1995

Excellent popular summaries in an excellent series. Out of print, but readily available in libraries and from used book dealers.

### 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  

“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