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News Zero: The New York Times And The Bomb



Synopsis

How did a world class newspaper become little more than a propaganda outlet for the U.S. government in its drive to cover up the dangers of radioactivity emanating from the testing of nuclear weapons? And why is it still offering warped coverage of the issues 40 years after the end of nuclear tests above ground? Hiding nearly half of the tests from public view, The New York Times's stories predated by more than 40 years its recent crisis of made-up stories by reporter Jayson Blair. Reporter Beverly Kever takes you inside our most prestigious propaganda machine to show just how the Times covered up the reality from half lies with half truths to supplying a complete alternative framework to manufacture consent.

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Customer Reviews

Beverly Kever is a professor of Journalism at the University of Hawaii. She covered the Vietnam War for 7 years for Newsweek, the New York Herald Tribune and the Christian Science Monitor.

Dr. Kever's book is a must-read for everyone who thinks the New York Times gives them "all" the news. This book is especially important for all students of journalism. The author's comprehensive research into why the NYT did not print important information and details about "the bomb" is shocking. The impact of News Zero revelations should resound worldwide--it combines the past and present horrors of mass destruction and highlights people groups who are still dealing with the damaging effects of decisions made decades ago. Excellent! Bravo!

Great book.

It's probably no coincidence that the NYT and other major media have not reviewed this important book - being that it is, in part, an indictment of how a major news organization has consistently descended into what Steve Leeper (who served seven years as director of the Hiroshima Museum), has called "nuclear denialism." This is especially true in the matter of denying long term radiation effects in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and even as recently as 2010 denying that people were actually disintegrated under the bombs of August, 1945. The NY Times embedded reporter during and after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, directly participated in denialism, as the author points out, while accepting pay from both the government and the NYT. (Slight conflict of interest there.) This book is important history - memorializing events up through the current denialism problem (to say nothing of how we we killed off our own towns in Utah with fallout from nuclear testing) - and unfortunately, the book has been sentenced to what has turned out to be stealth publication.

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