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2004 marked the centennial of the birth of J. Robert Oppenheimer and brought historians and scholars, former students, nuclear physicists and politicians together to celebrate this event. Oppenheimer's life and work became central to 20th century

history as he spearheaded the development of the atomic bomb that ended world war ii this book provides a spectrum of interpretations of oppenheimer s life and scientific achievements it approaches the extraordinary scientist and teacher from many perspectives chronicling the years from his boyhood through his role as director of the los alamos national laboratory and afterwards the book also discusses oppenheimer s connection to new mexico which hosted two of the manhattan project s most crucial sites and addresses his lasting impact on contemporary science international politics and the postwar age

a young readers edition of the 1 new york times bestselling pulitzer prize winning book american prometheus was the inspiration for the blockbuster film oppenheimer this brand new edition introduces the next generation to one of the twentieth century s most iconic and complex global figures j robert oppenheimer was a brilliant physicist who led the american effort to build the atomic bomb during world war ii and who later found himself confronting the moral consequences of the revolutionary weapon he helped create readers of all ages will witness the rise and fall of a scientific and historical icon in this masterful new edition exploring his childhood his secret work on the bomb his central role in the cold war and his tragic downfall this quintessential biography is history at its finest filled with dozens of photographs and updated information this riveting and deeply informative account is now available to a middle and high school audience

born into a wealthy secular new york jewish family a student of the ethical culture school in new york later educated in theoretical physics at harvard cambridge uk and göttingen germany appointed professor at uc berkeley and caltech j robert oppenheimer 1904 1967 was on the forefront of the rise of theoretical physics in the united states to world class status contributing to the century altering success of the manhattan project to build the atomic bomb as the scientific leader of that project oppenheimer played a key advisory role in government helping to forge the post war military industrial scientific alliance that poured huge resources into post war big science because of his position oppenheimer became for the public the heroic cultural icon of american science but he also became a target and a tragic victim of the cold war fear and nuclear war preparations underlying the mccarthy era this biographical study focuses on oppenheimer s cultural and intellectual rise as a theoretical physicist as well as his role within the trajectory of the nation s rise to scientific leadership and the post war forces that confronted american science this biography is nearly unique in that it includes discussions for general audiences of oppenheimer s work and contributions to theoretical physics including his famous prediction of black holes sixty

years before their confirmed discovery now david cassidy brings us the best account of oppenheimer s life in science with j robert oppenheimer and the american century t powers new york review of books cassidy covers this ground admirably in his thoughtful biography of oppenheimer scientific american cassidy s book is probably the best single study of oppenheimer to date b bernstein physics world cassidy s biography of j robert oppenheimer is a concise well written book about the life of the famous 20th century scientist a worthwhile read for anyone with an interest in the coming of age of american physics and how the weaknesses and strengths of one of its leaders shaped the relationship between science and the government for decades to come physics and society this biography is a detailed and beautifully written work cassidy expands beyond the traditional scope of a biography and expertly explores the surrounding environment that shaped oppenheimer s life atomic archive this excellent biography of j robert oppenheimer places the eminent physicist in the context of twentieth century america cassidy provides excellent insights into the life and times of this complex man unlike many other biographers of oppenheimer cassidy assesses his role as a twentieth century theoretical physicist alsos digital library for nuclear issues a superbly researched biography there is no doubt that cassidy gives us a valuable perspective on oppenheimer s life the author is shy neither of editorializing nor of making judgments about the personalities who appear in the story these comments are almost unfailingly fair and justified by the evidence times higher education cassidy has written a book that neither praises oppenheimer nor buries his reputation but rather puts some tarnish upon the icon g herken science

james b conant 1893 1978 was one of the titans of mid 20th century american history attaining prominence and power in multiple fields usually remembered as an educational leader he was president of harvard university for two tumultuous decades from the depression to world war ii to the cold war and mccarthyism to take that job he gave up a scientific career as one of the country s top chemists and he left it twenty years later to become eisenhower s top diplomat in postwar germany hershberg s prize winning study however examines a critical aspect of conant s life that was long obscured by government secrecy his pivotal role in the birth of the nuclear age during world war ii as an advisor to roosevelt and then truman on the elite interim committee that considered how to employ the bomb against japan conant was intimately involved in the decisions to build and use the atomic bomb during and after the manhattan project he also led efforts to prevent a postwar nuclear arms race between the united states and the soviet union that he feared threatened the survival of civilization an apocalyptic prospect he glimpsed in the first instant of the new age when he witnessed the first test of the new weapon at alamogordo on july 16 1945 a

vivid inquiry a model of historiography evocative reading conant was central to atomic policy and progress the bomb would be as much conant s as it was anyone s in government his inner response to that burden responsibility has long been obscured but it is illumined here philip morrison the new york times book review in his splendid portrait of conant james hershberg has illuminated the life of a pivotal figure in the making of u s nuclear scientific educational and foreign policy for almost a half century but the book is much more it is not only an insightful narration of conant s life it is also a brilliant and important account of the making of the nuclear age a chronicle that contains much that is new hershberg s superb study is a chronicle of conant s moral journey and we are the wiser for his having charted conant s path s s schweber washington post book world james g hershberg ably comes to grips with conant and his hazardous times his book is vibrantly written and compelling and it breaches conant s shield of public discretion in masterly fashion making extensive use of unpublished interviews diaries reports and correspondence pried from private and governmental repositories it is a huge ambitious work a history of the cold war as conant encountered it as well as a study of the man daniel j kevles the new yorker a well written comprehensive nonjudgmental but sensitive biography conant was involved in so many and such critical events that students of almost any aspect of our public life over the past half century will find useful the new material and helpful insights in this book this fine biography of one of the most important and complicated of america s twentieth century leaders immediately establishes james hershberg as one of america s outstanding young historians stephen e ambrose foreign affairs magnificent any reader interested in nuclear weapons cold war history or american politics from fdr to jfk will find this biography riveting priscilla mcmillan chicago tribune masterful the prose is clear the narrative forceful and the author s judgments are balanced and judicious this is simply splendid biography the highest praise one can give for a book of this sort is that the historian has not shrunk from speaking truth to power this book quietly but insistently does so it should be read by the public at large as one of the definitive texts on the cold war and the nuclear age hershberg s triumph is that he has prevailed over all the official lies to give us one more layer of the historical truth kai bird the nation riveting an impressive achievement honest and comprehensive in its scholarship the author has shown himself to be a historian of notable achievement and promise mcgeorge bundy nature hershberg s outstanding balanced biography lifts the self imposed secrecy surrounding a key architect of u s cold war policy and of the nuclear age publisher s weekly an impressive and substantial achievement hershberg has used the life of one strategically placed individual to illuminate the most important issues surrounding america s role and conduct in the nuclear age his book will be invaluable to scholars assessing the

impact and legacy of the group who acquired the epithet wise men now that the cold war has receded carol s gruber science definitive a far more textured picture than one finds in conant s own guarded and unrevealing autobiography an important and rewarding book illuminating conant led a remarkable and eventful life in remarkable and eventful times james hershberg has explored that life and those times in exhaustive and revealing detail paul boyer the new republic james g hershberg has achieved the impossible he has written a huge biography of a harvard president that is fascinating informative and as valuable a piece of american history as anything i have read in years mr hershberg has brought us back vividly to an age that seems remote so long ago but the questions about nuclear proliferation are the same even while the answers are still ambiguous as we watch men struggling with unanticipated post cold war problems and civil wars sprouting like jason s men at arms it is good to read this story about a complex man who deserves an important place in our history because he helped make that history possible arnold beichman the washington times engrossing a magisterial study of an awesome and intriguing public career kirkus reviews entertaining thought provocative dick teresi the wall street journal hershberg s book helps us more clearly understand the postwar establishment and offers a challenging appraisal of the role of elites of universities and of the state gar alperovitz in these times hershberg deserves great credit for cracking a tough new england walnut analyzing this very important public figure demonstrating how he fit into his own time and showing us what we can learn from the man daniel r mortensen the friday review of defense literature a compelling account an engaging examination of one of the central figures of the nuclear age it succeeds in showing one man s intersection with great events and issues and in the process illuminates those issues for us all american historical review well written conant s participation in one of our country s most dynamic periods is thanks to hershberg now much better understood library journal a reader of the book will enter the realm of the greats the shapers of worlds created by the atomic blasts at hiroshima and nagasaki conant was no bit player in cold war history the book is very successful in weaving conant s subsurface persona in with his ups and downs as a prominent and committed public figure and it leaves out little detail in describing top level decisions involving the cold war geopolitics of nuclear weaponry conant was a participant in most of these decisions with presidents roosevelt and truman themselves their secretaries of war and state and of course all the major scientific figures of the time chemical engineering news a wonderfully rich portrait that emerges from a carefully documented account of conant s role in the development of the atomic bomb and post war nuclear policy an extraordinarily well written text hershberg lays bare the person behind the persona warts dimples and all stanley goldberg bulletin of the atomic scientists

Oppenheimer's immense contribution to the Zionist movement gave him the title the father of Jewish Zionist settlement in Palestine nevertheless the common narrative sets Oppenheimer's historical persona in an ambivalent position and suppresses his formative role and heritage part of the reason for this is that in many ways his history causes a crack to appear in the Zionist national cover stories

studies J Robert Oppenheimer's choice to accept leadership of the Manhattan Project

at a moment of great discovery one big idea can change the world Oppenheimer and his big idea the atomic bomb exemplify one of the very real dilemmas of modern science scientifically unprecedented yet ethically questionable atomic weapons may have brought World War II to an end saving thousands of lives but at what cost Hiroshima Nagasaki and a new political balance teetering on the threat of nuclear annihilation were part of the legacy of the man best known as the father of the bomb Oppenheimer and the bomb tells the gripping story of the scientist behind the Manhattan Project from his early days as a Harvard prodigy to his final years as a victim of McCarthyism a brilliant snapshot of a man and his controversial work Oppenheimer's big idea offers a clear and engaging introduction to the complex theoretical work behind the bomb the context of the time and the implications for our future the big idea series is a fascinating look at the greatest advances in our scientific history and at the men and women who made these fundamental breakthroughs

how do we reclaim our innate enchantment with the world and how can we turn our natural curiosity into a deep abiding love for knowledge Frank Oppenheimer the younger brother of the physicist J Robert Oppenheimer was captivated by these questions and used his own intellectual inquisitiveness to found the Exploratorium a powerfully influential museum of human awareness in San Francisco that encourages play creativity and discovery all in the name of understanding in this elegant biography K C Cole investigates the man behind the museum with sharp insight and deep sympathy the Oppenheimers were a family with great wealth and education and Frank like his older brother pursued a career in physics but while Robert was unceasingly ambitious and eventually came to be known for his work on the atomic bomb Frank's path as a scientist was much less conventional his brief fling with the Communist Party cost him his position at the University of Minnesota and he subsequently spent a decade ranching in Colorado before returning to teaching once back in the lab however Frank found himself moved to create something to make the world meaningful after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki he was inspired by European science museums and he developed a dream of teaching Americans about science through participatory museums thus was born the magical world of the

exploratorium forever revolutionizing not only the way we experience museums but also science education for years to come cole has brought this charismatic and dynamic figure to life with vibrant prose and rich insight into oppenheimer as both a scientist and an individual

between 1945 and 1991 tension between the usa its allies and a group of nations led by the ussr dominated world politics this period was called the cold war a conflict that stopped short to a full blown war benefiting from the recent research of newly open archives the encyclopedia of the cold war discusses how this state of perpetual tensions arose developed and was resolved this work examines the military economic diplomatic and political evolution of the conflict as well as its impact on the different regions and cultures of the world using a unique geopolitical approach that will present russian perspectives and others the work covers all aspects of the cold war from communism to nuclear escalation and from ufos to red diaper babies highlighting its vast ranging and lasting impact on international relations as well as on daily life although the work will focus on the 1945 1991 period it will explore the roots of the conflict starting with the formation of the soviet state and its legacy to the present day

by examining how bethe and oppenheimer two men with similar backgrounds but divergent aspirations and characters struggled with these moral dilemmas one of our foremost historians of physics tells the story of modern physics the development of atomic weapons and the cold war book jacket

in the 1930s physics was in a crisis there appeared to be no way to reconcile the new theory of quantum mechanics with einstein s theory of relativity in the post world war ii period four eminent physicists rose to the challenge and developed a calculable version of quantum electrodynamics qed this formulation of qed was pioneered by freeman dyson richard feynman julian schwinger and sin itiro tomonaga three of whom won the nobel prize for their work schweber begins with an account of the early work done by physicists such as dirac and jordan and describes the gathering of eminent theorists at shelter island in 1947 the rest of his narrative comprises individual biographies of the four physicists discussions of their major contributions and the story of the scientific community in which they worked publisher s description

traces the life of the physicist who headed the manhattan project which developed the first atomic bomb

the most detailed study of soviet military industrial espionage during the 1930s 1940s

and 1950s spying aimed specifically at acquiring restricted information and materials relating to american industry technology and science

in the atomic alchemist j robert oppenheimer and the birth of the nuclear age we embark on a captivating journey through the life and legacy of one of the most influential figures of the 20th century this meticulously researched and thought provoking book delves into the fascinating story of oppenheimer s role in the development of the atomic bomb the unprecedented power it unleashed and the profound ethical questions it raised from oppenheimer s early years as a brilliant physicist to his pivotal leadership in the manhattan project this book chronicles his journey through creating the underground los alamos laboratory where exceptional minds collaborated under intense pressure to build a weapon of unimaginable destruction gain a front row seat as scientific breakthroughs lead to the splitting of the atom and the world stands on the precipice of a new era the atomic alchemist goes beyond scientific advancements and dives deep into the moral dilemmas faced by oppenheimer explore the inner conflicts he grappled with as he confronted the immense power of the atomic bomb and the catastrophic consequences it could bring witness the haunting moments of the trinity test the first atomic explosion and the aftermath of the bombings of hiroshima and nagasaki forever changing the course of history however this book is not merely a recounting of past events it also serves as a timely reflection on the challenges that still resonate in our modern world it invites readers to contemplate the delicate balance between scientific progress national security and the ethical implications of powerful technologies through the lens of oppenheimer s life we are compelled to examine our responsibilities in shaping humanity s future the atomic alchemist is an engaging and enlightening exploration of the birth of the nuclear age it examines oppenheimer s complex legacy from his entanglement with political suspicion during the red scare to his enduring advocacy for arms control and international cooperation it serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring questions surrounding the responsible use of science and the quest for a peaceful world whether you are a history enthusiast a science lover or intrigued by the intersection of ethics and technological advancements the atomic alchemist will captivate your imagination prepare to be informed and challenged as you navigate the extraordinary life of j robert oppenheimer and the profound impact he had on shaping our modern world

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