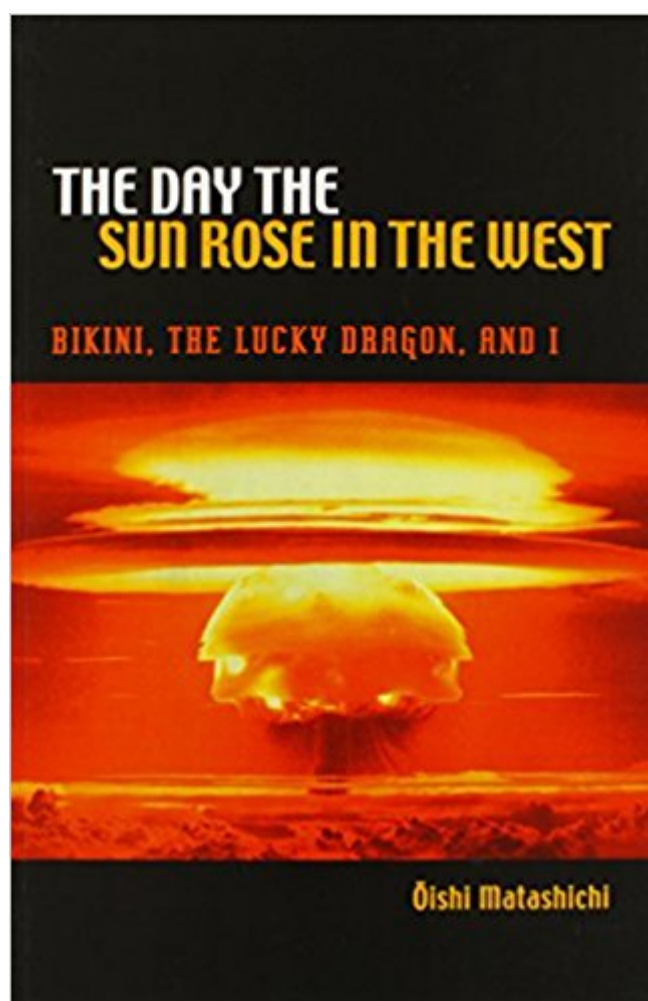


The book was found

# The Day The Sun Rose In The West: Bikini, The Lucky Dragon, And I (A Latitude 20 Book)



## Synopsis

On March 1, 1954, the U.S. exploded a hydrogen bomb at Bikini in the South Pacific. The fifteen-megaton bomb was a thousand times more powerful than the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima, and its fallout spread far beyond the official "no-fly" zone the U.S. had designated. Fishing just outside the zone at the time of the blast, the Lucky Dragon #5 was showered with radioactive ash. Making the difficult voyage back to their home port of Yaizu, twenty-year-old Oishi Matashichi and his shipmates became ill from maladies they could not comprehend. They were all hospitalized with radiation sickness, and one man died within a few months. The Lucky Dragon #5 became the focus of a major international incident, but many years passed before the truth behind U.S. nuclear testing in the Pacific emerged. Late in his life, overcoming social and political pressures to remain silent, Oishi began to speak about his experience and what he had since learned about Bikini. His primary audience was schoolchildren; his primary forum, the museum in Tokyo built around the salvaged hull of the Lucky Dragon #5. Oishi's advocacy has helped keep the Lucky Dragon #5 incident in Japan's national consciousness. Oishi relates the horrors he and the others underwent following Bikini: the months in hospital; the death of their crew mate; the accusations by the U.S. and even some Japanese that the Lucky Dragon #5 had been spying for the Soviets; the long campaign to win government funding for medical treatment; the enduring stigma of exposure to radiation. *The Day the Sun Rose in the West* stands as a powerful statement about the Cold War and the U.S.-Japan relationship as it impacted the lives of a handful of fishermen and ultimately all of us who live in the post-nuclear age.

## Book Information

Series: A Latitude 20 Book

Paperback: 184 pages

Publisher: University of Hawaii Press (May 31, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0824835573

ISBN-13: 978-0824835576

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.6 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #1,409,834 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #12 in Books > History >

Australia & Oceania > Marshall Islands #223 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical >

## Customer Reviews

"This is a compelling account of an incident that few of us remember today, but which had an impact far beyond the few fishermen on the Lucky Dragon #5 who were irradiated in the Bravo test sixty-some years ago. It is a glimpse of the world situation at the time through the lens of the unfortunate fate of the ship and its crew. The author captures the tension between Japan and the U.S. over the incident, which occurred soon after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the anti-nuclear testing crusade that was beginning even back then, the self-righteous insistence of a nuclear power on continuing nuclear tests even while asserting limited responsibility for damages, and so much more." --Francis X. Hezel, S.J., director of Micronesian Seminar

Oishi Matashichi was born in 1934 and went to sea as a boy of fourteen. On March 1, 1954, the ship on which he was sailing encountered what one crewman called "the day the sun rose in the west." The Bikini test ("Bravo") of the U.S. hydrogen bomb contaminated the ship and its crew with radioactive fallout. Once he had recovered from the dire immediate effects on his health, Oishi left the sea and became the proprietor of a laundry shop. Late in life he became a peace advocate--telling his story to groups of schoolchildren throughout Japan. In 2010 he traveled to New York to appear at the nuclear non-proliferation treaty conference. Richard H. Minear is professor emeritus of history at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a prominent translator of survivor accounts of Hiroshima.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

ROSE BUSH: LEARN HOW TO GROW A ROSE BUSH FROM A BUD, BLOOM OR BEYOND (: Rose bush, rose bush growing, rose bush ready to plant, rose bush plants, rose bush cover, rose bush potted, rose bush seeds,) The Day the Sun Rose in the West: Bikini, the Lucky Dragon, and I (A Latitude 20 Book) Bikini Competition: Ultimate Bikini Competition Diet Cookbook! - Bikini Competitors Guide With Carb Cycling And Clean Eating Recipes To Prepare And Win ... Low Carb, Paleo Diet, Atkins Diet) Easy & Elegant Rose Recipes: 75+ Inspiring Uses for Rose Petals, Rose Water, Rose Hips & Rose Essential Oil Dragon NaturallySpeaking: Dragon NaturallySpeaking Essentials, Dragon NaturallySpeaking Basics, Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Beginners, Dragon NaturallySpeaking ... Commands You Need to Know, Dragon Maste Dragon-Born: The Dragon-Born Saga Books 1-3, Half-Blood Dragon, Magic-Born Dragon, Queen of the Dragons The Clayborne Brides: One Pink Rose, One White Rose, One Red Rose (Claybornes' Brides) Saving

the Sun Dragon: A Branches Book (Dragon Masters #2) "The Lucky Monkey " (Children's books-The Lucky Monkey Book 1) Children's Book : Tales of The Dragon: Dragon Short Stories for Kids, Dragon stories, Adventure books for kids, Emotional and EQ, Ages 3-9-12 Power of the Dragon (The Chronicles of Dragon, Series 2, Book 9 of 10) (Tail of the Dragon) The Science of Being Lucky: How to Engineer Good Fortune, Consistently Catch Lucky Breaks, and Live a Charmed Life A Lucky Luke Adventure : Ghost Town (Lucky Luke) A Lucky Luke Adventure : Billy the Kid (Lucky Luke) Lucky Peach Issue 24: The Best of Lucky Peach The Day the Sun Rose Twice: The Story of the Trinity Site Nuclear Explosion, July 16, 1945 Sheriff Callie's Wild West Sparky's Lucky Day Sun Up, Sun Down: The Story of Day and Night (Science Works) Rose to the Occasion: An Easy-Growing Guide to Rose Gardening, Roses, Growing Roses, Antique Roses, Old Garden Roses, Gardening Tips, Organic Roses, Also ... (Easy-Growing Gardening Series Book 2) Major & Mrs Holt's Definitive Battlefield Guide to the D-Day Normandy Landing Beaches: Sixth Edition with Latitude and Longitude References

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)