Record Nr. UNINA9910787556503321 Autore Majerus Joe Titolo The decision to employ nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki [[electronic resource] /] / Joe Majerus Hamburg, : Anchor Academic Pub., 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 3-95489-560-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (67 p.) Collana Compact 327.1740956 Disciplina World War, 1939-1945 - Japan - Hiroshima-shi Soggetti Hiroshima-shi (Japan) History Bombardment, 1945 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali "Disseminate knowledge"--Cover. Includes bibliographical references. Nota di bibliografia The Decision to employ Nuclear Weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Nota di contenuto Table of Contents; 1 Introduction; 2 The War against Japan; 2.1 Imperial Resistance; 2.2 Tactics of Strategic Bombing; 2.3 Operation Downfall; 3 Alternatives for ending the War; 3.1 The impracticalities of a diplomatic solution; 3.2 Conventional alternatives: Military and Economic; 3.3 Soviet assistance; 4 Paths to Nuclear Destruction; 4.1 "Shock and Awe"; 4.2 The Potsdam Conference: Final Chance to avoid Nuclear Holocaust; 4.3 The Empire's Last Stand; 4.4 The selection of targets; 5 The Detonation of Atomic Bombs 6 Reasons for employing Nuclear Weapons6.1 Diplomatic Power Game: 6.2 Structural Imperatives; 7 Conclusion; 8 Bibliography; 8.1 Primary Sources; 8.2 Secondary Sources; 8.3 Internet Sites Sommario/riassunto Hauptbeschreibung Throughout human history there may hardly be found any other single decision that still causes such high amounts of scholarly debate as does the dropping of Atomic Bombs upon the Japanese city of Hiroshima in August 6th 1945, and respectively, three days later upon the city of Nagasaki. These events have caused close to 100 000 casualties in the civilian population, and vet, it does not include all of those persons who would later succumb to radiation sickness or severe birth deformations. Historians still debate the alleged plurality of motives underlying this momentous dec