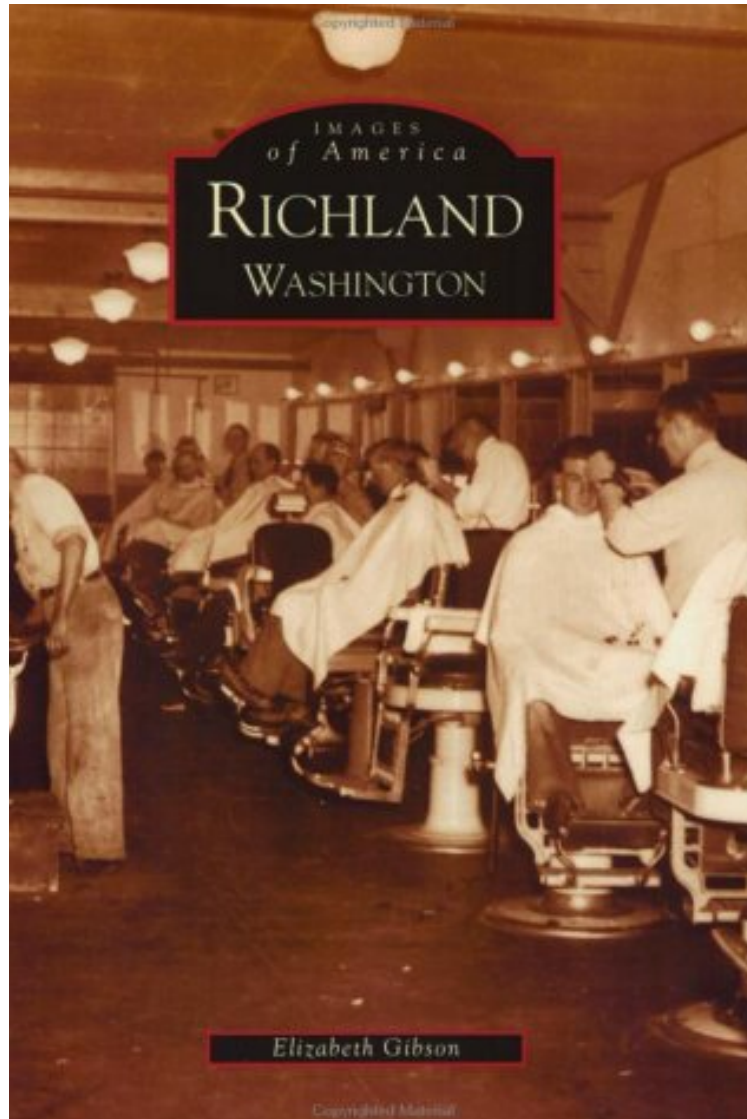


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Critically Important Secrecy!By JorgeIn 1933 when Adolph Hitler came to power, Albert Einstein, a Jewish professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences was visiting the United States. Einstein did not return to Germany, but, remained in the United States and became a naturalized citizen in 1940. At about that same time upon the eve of the full breaking out of World War II, Einstein endorsed a letter to then President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt informing him that scientists in Germany were on the verge of developing

"extremely powerful bombs of a new type". This led to the establishment of the highly secretive Manhattan Project to begin intensive research into this critically important scientific field. Three widely separated remote areas of the United States: Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Los Alamos, New Mexico and Richland (Hanford), Washington were chosen as locations for the research and development locations for this project. In each location many parcels of private property were taken by the Federal Government by eminent domain, sometimes done so quickly that time was barely allowed for existing crops to be harvested. In the State of Washington, the residents of the small towns of Richland, Hanford and White Bluffs had to be relocated. In 1943 Richland had a population of 243. By the time that this new government facility reached peak production, in less than two years, the population was 51,000. Security and secrecy were so intense and enforced that workers had no idea about the product or even if there was a product on which they were working. Rumors were everything from campaign buttons to toilet paper. The bomb tested at the Trinity Site, near Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945, contained plutonium from Hanford. The bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945, also contained plutonium manufactured at the Hanford plant. Some days later when Japan surrendered the local paper announced what had been actually going on at Hanford. This book is a fascinating insight into those days and how Richland developed afterward. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good account of the period. By Marjorie Brings back good memories. I lived in the Tri-Cities area for 46 years. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Blast from the past By Ian Stewart Great pictures and rich history, but not enough plutonium. :(

The Columbia Basin was dusted only with sagebrush and bunchgrass before settlers harnessed the power of the mighty Columbia River. With irrigation came the small town of Richland, and its sister towns of White Bluffs and Hanford. On the advent of U.S. involvement in the Second World War, Richland was discovered by government scientists. Breaking ground in March of 1943, through one of the fastest-built government operations ever, the first nuclear reactor went "critical" in September of that year. Most of the workers did not understand what they had produced until after Nagasaki was destroyed. The local paper announced, "Peace! Our Bomb Clinched It!" This book, the first to cover the history of the small town that played a part in one of the most earth-shattering events of United States history, captures the people and events that have shaped Richland's character, including the Flood of 1948, the Atomic Frontier Days Festival, the relocation of the town to make way for the Hanford site's construction camp, and pictures gathered from Richland Bomber alumni.

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