

Running with Cosmos Flowers: The Children of Hiroshima

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Shizumi Shigeto Manale and Richard Marshall's delicate and heartrending narrative details the life of a young girl living in a town near Hiroshima after the bombing in 1945 and offers a message of hope and cultural understanding. The narrator, Hanako, brings an empathetic perspective to this story as she experiences a range of emotions—from fear, confusion, and grief to hope and joy. Photos scattered throughout the text remind readers that the story is based on historical fact. Because of the often graphic content, this book would make an excellent tool for the classroom, to help children better comprehend this tragic event. Ages ten and up.

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