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| **Occupation of Joe, The**  Bill Baynes  Tokyo, 1945. A Japanese boy too old for his years, a survivor of the American firebombing, dares to cross the wasteland where he saw thousands burn to death, and approach the occupying forces to get food for his family. A young Navy lieutenant, proud of the Allied victory but appalled by the devastation he sees across the city, cares enough to help. As post-war pressures mount between the two cultures, he becomes entangled in the lives of the boy, his infant sister and his beautiful mother.  The Occupation of Joe is an emotionally powerful, gripping post-war tragedy from Top Hat Books, publisher of quality historical fiction.  **Author Bio** Bill Baynes is a writer, producer and director who lives in Belmont, CA. He has previously written for the Miami Herald and the Associated Press, and won awards as a documentary filmmaker. Bill is a member of the Historical Novel Society, the California Writers Club SF Peninsula Branch and the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. Online: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/bill.baynes1), [Author Website](http://www.billbaynes.com)  **Previous Titles** Bunt! (9780982992029) Silverback Sages Publishers, 2013.  **Promotional Plans** Book launch and events in the San Francisco Bay area where the author lives, and has had support for previous novel. Literary festivals. Author website with first chapter available to read. Blog and social media promotion, email newsletter. Source key pre-publication reviews.  **USP** The Occupation of Joe is an emotionally intense, culturally challenging story told in short, propulsive chapters through alternating viewpoints. Many readers will finish this page-turner in one sitting.  **Competing Books** The Emperor's General 9780553578546, by James Webb Bantam Books, 2000  **Categories** FICTION (General)(FIC014000) -> Historical(FIC014000) FICTION (General)(FIC032000) -> War & Military(FIC032000) FICTION (General)(FIC051000) -> Cultural Heritage(FIC051000) |  | **Publication Date** August 2018  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-822-7 $12.95  |  £7.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 128PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-823-4 $7.99  |  £4.99  **Library of Congress** 2017949628 |
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