



George Tsutakawa, *War Mother*, 1986 cast of 1947 original clay sculpture

Tsutakawa was born in Seattle in 1910 but grew up in Japan with his Japanese family. He returned to America in the 1930s to run the American end of the family's import-export business. He was drafted into the American army during WWII but never saw active service. This piece is reported to reflect the artist's guilt following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed his wife Ayame's brother.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ament, Deloris Tarzan, 'Tsutakawa, George (1910-1997)', *HistoryLink.org*, Essay 5426, <https://www.historylink.org/File/5426>, undated