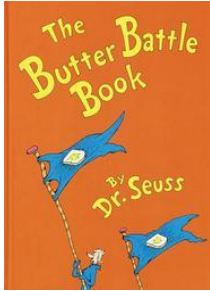


The Butter Battle Book and the Cold War



The Cold War was "cold" primarily because of the threat of nuclear weapons. The Soviet Union launched its first nuclear weapon in 1949, an event that started an "arms race" between the United States and the Soviet Union. At the height of the Cold War, the combined weapons of both countries were enough to destroy the world six times over. The two "superpowers" used their weapons as a **deterrent** against nuclear war.

Story parallels

<i>The Butter Battle Book</i>	The Cold War
Fight over butter location Both about deterrence Wall to separate Weapons growth (size and power) Colors (Blue and Red/Orange) Ultimate weapons (golf ball size) Bomb called Big Boy Each want other to surrender or give in Using lots of resources to counter outside threat (perceived) Fall out shelters Ominous stalemate	Fight over political systems Both about deterrence Wall in Berlin and iron curtain in Europe Weapons growth (size and power) Blue (NATO) versus Red (Warsaw Pact) Ultimate weapons (atomic bomb) Bomb at Nagasaki called Little Boy Same Same Fall out shelters Ominous stalemate

What do you think Dr. Seuss is saying about the Cold War? **The Cold War arms race has some parallels to a silly little story about butter. Is it a lack of understanding of other cultures and systems that lead us to irrational quest for the most or biggest weapons of destruction?**