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Montgomery, AnneLaffin, Arthur, [Swords into Plowshares: Nonviolent Direct Action for Disarmament](#) [1], San Francisco , Harper and Row/Perennial Library, 1987, pp. 243 pb

This is an account of the origin and early years of the US Plowshares movement launched in 1980 by radical Catholics, and edited by two of the leading figures in this new form of personal 'witness' against nuclear weapons. Plowshares took inspiration from the biblical phrase 'beat your swords into ploughshares' and physically attacked missiles and associated targets, before publicizing their actions and accepting arrest and often subsequent imprisonment. This book explains their motivation, wider social beliefs, and provides details of early protests.

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