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Baseball Saved Us

by Ken Mochizuki

Told by a Japanese American boy, this story shows how baseball made life in the internment camps more bearable for many Japanese Americans. This first-person narrative candidly exposes the hardships that Japanese Americans experienced before, during, and after internment.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Award: Scott O'Dell Historical Fiction Award

Publisher: Lee & low Books, Inc., 1993, New York, NY

So Far From the Sea

by Eva Bunting

A young girl and her family visit her grandfather's grave at Manzanar War Relocation Camp to say good-bye one last time. Color and black-and-white illustrations bring to life the story of the internment of Japanese Americans.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Award: Coretta Scott King Award

Publisher: Clarion Books, 1985, New York, NY

The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito

by Sheila Garrigue

A novel about the hardships a girl named Sara Warren faces in World War II, and the strength and courage she displays during this confusing and tragic time.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Adult

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1985, New York, NY



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A Fence Away from Freedom: Japanese Americans and World War II

by Ellen Levine

Japanese Americans reflect on their years spent in internment camps as children or young adults. They discuss the process of being forced from their homes, and their ability to make the prisons more livable despite oppressive conditions.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Middle School, High School, Adult

Book Type: Fiction

Award: Caldecott Medal

Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1995, New York, NY

The Children of Topaz: The Story of a Japanese American Internment Camp

by Michael O. Tunnel and
George W. Chilcoat

The diary entries of children from one particular class in an internment camp in Topaz, Utah, reveal what daily life was like for students. The entries are placed in historical context, and are accompanied by many photographs illustrating the experiences of these students and other Japanese Americans.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Late Elementary (4-6), Middle School, High School

Book Type: Nonfiction

Publisher: Holiday House, 1996, New York, NY

The Bracelet

by Yoshiko Uchida

Emi, a young Japanese American, realizes that although she is forced to leave her home and school, she will always have the memories of her friends in her heart.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Paperstar, 1993, New York, NY



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A Carp for Kimiko

by Virginia Kroll

Kimiko very much wants a calico carp kite like her brother's to fly on Children's Day. She can't have one, though, because she's a girl, and Japanese tradition dictates that only boys get colorful kites. Luckily, Kimiko has understanding parents, and the day after the festival, she wakes to find a real calico carp swimming in a tank in her room.

Topics: Asian Pacific American History, 20th-Century History

Age Group: Early Elementary (K-3)

Book Type: Fiction

Publisher: Charlesbridge Publishing, 1996, Watertown, MA