

BOOK LIST

SECONDARY

Seventh through Twelfth Grade

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| Armor, John
and Wright, Peter | <p><i>Americans of Japanese Ancestry and the United States Constitution</i>
San Francisco: NJAHS, 1987.
National Japanese American Historical Society. An easy-to-follow chronological account of the Japanese in the United States. Many photos.</p> |
| Gesensway, Debora
and Roseman, Mindy | <p><i>Manzanar, Photographs by Ansel Adams</i>
New York: Time Books, 1988.
Armor, an attorney, and Wright, an Associate Press photo editor, write the accompanying text to 100 photos by Ansel Adams of Manzanar camp.</p> |
| Hosokawa, Bill | <p><i>Beyond Words</i>
New York: Cornell University Press, 1987.
Color reproductions of art, oral histories and narrative depict experiences of Japanese Americans in concentration camps.</p> |
| Houston, Jeanne W.
and James D. | <p><i>The Quiet Americans</i>
New York: William Morrow and Co., 1969; CO: Univ. Press of Colorado, 1992.
History of the Japanese in the U.S., covering period of immigration through the early 1960s. Deals with events that led to the internment of Japanese Americans.</p> |
| Inada, Lawson Fusao | <p><i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>
1973. 145 pp.
Jeanne's personal story of her experiences before, during and after World War II.</p> <p><i>Story of the 442nd Combat Team</i>
44 pp.
A short of the military activities of the 442nd.</p> |
| Ishigo, Estelle | <p><i>Legends from Camp</i>
177 pp.
Poetry of one of the giants in the field of Asian American poetry. "A masterwork of American poetry." – Leslie M Silko</p> |
| Kessler, Lauren | <p><i>Lone Heart Mountain</i>
1972, reprint of first edition 1989.
Moving art and narrative from Heart Mountain, Wyoming.</p> |
| Kessler, Lauren | <p><i>Three Generations in the Life of a Japanese American Family</i>
1993. 347 pp.
Bright, ambitious, enterprising Masuo Yasui traveled to America in the year 1903 and like most immigrants coming to America, filled with hopes and dreams. A story of one family's struggle to conquer many obstacles in order to find their dreams.</p> |

- Kikumura, Akemi.** *Through Harsh Winters*
 Novato, CA: Chandler and Sharp, 1981.
 A portrait of an immigrant mother of thirteen children, triumphing over countless barriers of race and gender.
- Knaefler, Tomi Kaizawa** *Our House Divided, Seven Japanese American Families in World War II*
 Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1991. 144 pp.
 "Focuses on seven personal stories of (Japanese American) families as they struggled with the emotions and events brought on by (World War II)...the dilemma of first-generation Japanese Americans who were strongly attached both to the country of their birth, where family members still lived, and to the land where they had spent most of their lives...in communities they had helped to build; and...the dilemma of second generation Japanese Americans, whose loyalty to the United States was questioned even though they were American citizens."
- Kogawa, Joy** *Itsuka*
 New York: Anchor Books, 1994.
 When would the incarceration of the Japanese Americans be recognized as a wrong doing...someday. How the Japanese Canadians fought to receive government compensation for the lost property that was never returned.
- Mirikitani, Janice** *Shedding Silence*
 San Francisco: Celestial Arts, 1987.
 Deeply felt, sharply rendered poems from the most noted Japanese American woman poet.
- Mori, Toshio** *Chauvinist and Other Stories*
 Los Angeles: UCLA, 1979. Asian American Studies Center
 A collection of the works of this author, centering on the Japanese American experience. Moynihan, Daniel P., ed. Japanese Americans. (grades 7-12) *Knowledge Unlimited*.
- Nakano, Mei** *Japanese American Women*
 San Francisco: MinaPress and National Japanese American Historical Society, 1990
 Examines the history and cultural values of Japanese American women and how they dealt with the devastating impact of wartime imprisonment.
- Nishimura, Hiro** *Trials and Triumphs of the Nikkei*
 The journey of the Nikkei, through the eyes of an World War veteran, Japanese American Citizens League member, and a Buddhist. Nishimura takes one through three eras of national clutter: Anglo-Saxon, Melting Pot, and Cultural Pluralism.
- Ogawa, Dennis M.** *Ellison S. Onizuka, A Remembrance*
 Honolulu: Mutual Publishers and Signature Pub., 1986.
 Full-color photographic tribute to the Challenger astronaut.

- Okada, John** *No No Boy*
 New York: Tuttle, 1957. Reprinted by University Washington Press. 260 pp.
 A moving novel concerning the loyalty issue of Japanese Americans in World War II.
- Okubo, Mine** *Citizen 13660*
 Tokyo: Ochanomizu Shobe, 1984.
 "Poignantly written and beautifully illustrated memoir of her life in two relocation centers."
- Saiki, Patsy Kisaku** *Ganbare, An Example of Japanese Spirit*
 1982. 230 pp.
 Ganbare means to persevere in the most heroic sense. This is a story of the Japanese American experience during World War II in Hawaii.
- Sarasohn, Sunada, ed.** *Issei, Portrait of a Pioneer*
 Berkeley: Pacific Books, 1983.
 An anthology of Issei oral history.
- Sasaki, R.A.** *The Loom and Other Stories*
 St. Paul, MN: Graywolf Press 1991. 112 pp.
 "This collection of stories propels its readers into the daily experiences of three generations of Japanese Americans."
- Sone, Monica** *Nisei Daughter*
 Boston: Little Brown, reprint 1953. 238 pp.
 The story of a Northwest Japanese American girl.
- Tajiri, Vincent, ed.** *Through Innocent Eye, Teenagers' Impressions of World War II Internment Camp Life*
 Los Angeles: Keiro Services, 1990.
- Tanaka, Chester** *Go For Broke*
 San Francisco: Go For Broke Inc., 1982.
 A pictorial history of the heroic exploits of the Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.
- Tateishi, John** *And Justice For All*
 New York: Random House, 1984.
 An oral history of the Japanese Americans, focusing largely on their recollection of the war years. 260 pp.
- Tsuchida, John Nouya** *Reflections, Memoirs of Japanese American Women in Minnesota*
 1994. 464 pp.
 "Anthology of memoirs by 14 Japanese American women in Minnesota vividly depicts how individual citizens of Japanese ancestry were uniquely affected by World War II at the personal level on account of their ethnic background and American racism, as well as how they achieved personal success."

Uchida, Yoshiko

Desert Exile, The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family

1982. 154 pp.

This is a personal account of a Berkeley family facing the tragic World War II uprooting and internment. U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye felt it to be a moving account of a not so noble period in American history.

**Wilson, Robert A. and
Hosokawa, Bill**

East to America, A History of Japanese in the United States

New York: William Morrow, 1980.

From earliest immigrants to 1978. Sponsored by the Japanese American Research Project.

Yamada, Mitsuye

Campnotes and Other Poems

Berkeley: Shameless Hussy Press, 1976.

Informed by poet's experience as a Japanese American woman and a former evacuee.

Desert Run

New York: Kitchen Table, Women of Color Press, 1988.

Author presents keenly wrought poetry and prose from the landscape of the desert.

Yamamoto, Hisaye

Seventeen Syllables and Other Stories

New York: Kitchen Table, Women of Color Press, 1988.

Finely crafted short stories of Japanese American life.

Yasui, Robert

Yasui Family of Hood River, Oregon

Minoru Yasui gained fame as one of the protesters of the World War II curfew and evacuation orders. His case was one that reached the Supreme Court. This is a chronicle of his family.

Yoneda, Karl G.

Ganbatte, The Sixty-Year Struggle of a Kibei Worker

1983. 244 pp.

Karl Yoneda is a unique man who describes himself as an "ordinary working stiff." This autobiography documents his lifelong, tenacious struggle for racial equality, political, economic and social justice.

Edited by John Modell

The Kikuchi Diary: Chronicle from an American Concentration Camp

Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1993. 253 pp.

Kikuchi was a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley when the war broke out. He started keeping a diary of his personal thoughts and experiences from December 7, 1941 to September 1942. "A lively, intensely human, and perceptive record of what it was like to be interned by a country you had faith in but which did not have faith in you."

**Edited by
Stanley L. Falk and
Warren M. Tsuneishi**

MIS in the War Against Japan

1995. 142 pp.

Personal experiences related at the October 1993 MIS Capital Reunion, "The Nisei Veteran: An American Patriot" by the Japanese American Veterans Association of Washington D.C., in Arlington, Virginia. This fascinating compilation preserves the individual stories of representative MIS veterans, told from their point of view.