

**LITERATURE and FILM**  
**ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION AND WORLD WAR II**

**PICTURE BOOKS**

Bunting, Eve. *So Far From the Sea*. Clarion Books, 1998. Grade 2+

Grady, Cynthia. *Write to Me; Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind*. Charlesbridge, 2018.

Mochizuki, Ken. *Baseball Saved Us*. Lee & Low, 1995. Grade 2+

Moss, Marissa. *Barbed Wire Baseball*. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013. Grade 2+

Noguchi, Rick and Deneen Jenks. *Flowers from Mariko*. Lee & Low Books, 2001. Grade 2+

Say, Allen. *Home of the Brave*. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Grade 4+

Takei, George. *My Lost Freedom: A Japanese American World War II Story*. Crown Books for Young Readers, 2024.

Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Bracelet*. Putnam, 1996. Grade 2+

Yamasaki, Katie. *Fish For Jimmy; Inspired by One Family's Experience in a Japanese American Internment Camp*. Holiday House, 2013. Grade 2+

**FICTION**

Arakawa, Jeannette S. *The Little Exile*. Stone Bridge Press, 2017.

Chee, Traci. *We Are Not Free*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020. Grade 9+  
*Finalist, National Book Award 2020 for Young People's Literature*

Conkling, Winifred. *Sylvia & Aki*. Tricycle Press, 2011. Grade 4+

Dallas, Sandra. *Red Berries White Clouds Blue Sky*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2014. Grade 4+

Dallas, Sandra. *Tallgrass: A Novel*. St. Martin's Press, 2007.

Denenberg, Barry. *The Journal of Ben Uchida; Citizen 13559 Mirror Lake Internment Camp*. Scholastic, 1999. Grade 4+

Faulkner, Matt. *Gaijin; American Prisoner of War*. Hyperion Books, 2014. Grade 5+ (Graphic Novel)

Faulkner, Matt. *My Nest of Silence*. Atheneum Books for Young readers, 2022. (hybrid text and graphic novel)

Hughes, Dean. *Four-Four-Two*. Atheneum, 2016.

Hughes, Kiku. *Displacement*. First Second, 2020. (Graphic Novel)

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*. Atheneum, 2006. Grade 5+

Larson, Kirby. *Dash*. Scholastic Press, 2014. Grade 3+

Otsuka, Julie. *When the Emperor Was Divine*. Anchor, 2003.

Patneade, David. *Thin Wood Walls*. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. Grade 5+

Patt, Beverly. *Best Friends Forever: A World War II Scrapbook*. Marshall Cavendish, 2010. Grade 5+

Pyle, Kevin C. *Take What You Can Carry*. Henry Holt, 2012. Grade 7+ (Graphic Novel)

Sepahban, Lois. *Paper Wishes*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Grade 4+

Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey Home*. Tandem Library, 1999. Grade 4+

Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey to Topaz; a Story of the Japanese-American Evacuation*. Heyday Books, 2004. Grade 4+

## NONFICTION – MEMOIRS

Gruenewald, Mary Matsuda. *Looking Like the Enemy; My Story of Imprisonment in Japanese American Internment Camps*. NewSage Press, 2005.

Gruenewald, Mary Matsuda. Adapted by Maureen R. Michelson. *Looking Like the Enemy; My Story of Imprisonment in Japanese-American Internment Camps*. Young Reader's Edition. NewSage Press, 2010. Grade 4+

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James. D. Houston. *Farewell to Manzanar*. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Grade 6+

Takei, George. *They Called Us Enemy*. Top Shelf Productions, 2019. Grade 7+ (Graphic Novel)

## FILM

*The Orange Story*. Full Spectrum Features. 2016. 18 minutes. <https://theorangestory.org/index.php>

## FILM – DOCUMENTARIES

*And Then They Came for Us*. Dir. Abby Ginzberg. Ginzberg Productions, 2017. DVD. 50 minutes.

*Citizen Tanouye*. Dir. Robert Horsting and Craig Yahata. PBS, 2008. DVD. 58 minutes.

*Days of Waiting*. Dir. Steven Okazaki. Farallon Films, 2000. DVD. 28 minutes.

*Winner of the Academy Award for Best Documentary, Short Subject.*

*The Legacy of Heart Mountain*. Prod. David Ono and Jeff MacIntyre. Content Medida Group, LLC, 2014. 56 minutes.

*Winner of three Emmy Awards.*

*Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story*. Dir. Eric Paul Fournier. Docurama. 2007. DVD.

60 minutes. There is a 24-minute version on the website of the Fred T. Korematsu website at

<https://korematsuinstitute.org/of-civil-wrongs-and-rights-film/>

*2002 Emmy Award for News and Documentary.*

*Without Due Process; A Documentary About America's Concentration Camps*. Dir. Brian Beanblossom. 2001. DVD. 44 minutes.

*2001 – Crystal Award of Excellence – The Communicator*

*2002 – Award of Excellence - Videographer*

## ONLINE DOCUMENTARIES

*Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp*. National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center. 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0xBBXSdONY>

30 min.

*Ugly History: Japanese American incarceration camps – Densho*

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/ugly-history-japanese-american-internment-camps-densho>

5:45 min.

*We the People*. Catherine Busch, 2019

<https://wethepeopleseries.com>

Series: 1) Uprooted 17:00 min. 2) The Incarceration of Japanese Americans 21:40 min. 3) Go for Broke! 14:35 min. 4) The Return Home 14:07 min. 5) People Who Helped 16:10 min. 6) Racism & Redress 15:00 min. 7) Could This Happen Again? 20:35 min.