Teacher Resources, Colorado Biographies, and Elementary Level Books on Japanese Internment and Relocation

Teacher Resources:

The Best Children's Books on Japanese Internment
This listing of Children’s books about Japanese relocation during WWII includes a synopsis of each book, along with information about reading level, and interest level. The site hopes to develop lesson plans for each book, but none are posted at this time. The Best Children’s books.org also has links to lists of books about other aspects of American History.

Colorado Biographies:

The Principled Politician: The Story of Ralph Carr
Author: Adam Schrager
http://www.adamschrager.tv/Ralph_Carr.html

Great Lives in Colorado History Biography Series
The new biography series for third grade readers Great Lives in Colorado History features thirteen notable Coloradans including among others Ralph Carr, Clara Brown, Doc Susie, Little Raven, and William Bent were authored by educators in Denver Public Schools and are bilingual in English and Spanish. http://www.filterpressbooks.com/catalog_c378817.html

Bob Sakata: American Farmer
Author Daniel Blegen brings the story of farmer and businessman Bob Sakata to the Now You Know Bio series. Bob Sakata was born and raised near San Francisco, California. He was relocated along with his family and 120,000 other Japanese Americans to internment camps in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor and entry of the United States into World War II.
http://www.filterpressbooks.com/catalog_i10229879.html

Colorado’s Japanese Americans: From 1886 to the Present
Colorado’s Japanese Americans, by Bill Hosokawa is the first history of this significant minority in the Centennial State, penned by renowned journalist and author Bill
Hosokawa. It is the first edition in the new Timberline Series from the University Press of Colorado, and is the co-winner of the 2005 Colorado Endowment for the Humanities Publication Prize.

**Elementary (K–5) Books:**

**Baseball Saved Us**  
Author: Ken Mochizuki  
1993 Parent’s Choice Award winner  
(Ages 4–8)  

**The Bracelet**  
Author: Yoshiko Uchida  
(Ages 5–9)  

**So Far From the Sea**  
Author: Eve Bunting  
(Ages 5–10)  

**A Place Where Sunflowers Grow**  
Author: Amy Lee-Tai  
(Ages 5–10)  

**Heroes**  
Author: Ken Mochizuki  
(Ages 5–10)  

**Music For Alice**  
Author: Allen Say  
(Ages 5–10)  

**Blue Jay in the Desert**
Author: Marlene Shigekawa
(Ages 5–10)

The Children of Topaz: The Story of a Japanese Internment Camp
Authors: Michael and George Chilcoat
(Ages 5–10)

Journey Home
Author: Yoshiko Uchida
(Ages 5–10)

Journey to Topaz
Author: Yoshiko Uchida
(Ages 5–10)

The Invisible Thread: An Autobiography
Yoshiko Uchida
(Ages 8–12)