

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.

<http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org/Japanese-Internment-Camps.html>

Colorado Biographies:

The Principled Politician: The Story of Ralph Carr

Author: Adam Schrager

http://www.adamschrager.tv/Ralph_Carr.html

Available for purchase at: <http://www.fulcrum-books.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=5927>

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)

Mochizuki, Ken, and Dom Lee. *Baseball Saved Us*. New York: Lee & Low, 1993.

The Bracelet

Author: Yoshiko Uchida

(Ages 5–9)

Uchida, Yoshiko, and Joanna Yardley. *The Bracelet*. New York: Putnam & Grosset Group, 1996.

So Far From the Sea

Author: Eve Bunting

(Ages 5–10)

Bunting, Eve, and Chris K. Soentpiet. *So Far From the Sea*. Boston, Mass: Sandpiper, 2009.

A Place Where Sunflowers Grow

Author: Amy Lee-Tai

(Ages 5–10)

Tai, Amy, and Felicia Hoshino. *A Place Where Sunflowers Grow = Sabaku ni saita himawari*. San Francisco, Calif. Berkeley, CA: Children's Book Press Distributed to the book trade by Publishers Group West, 2006. Print.

Heroes

Author: Ken Mochizuki

(Ages 5–10)

Mochizuki, Ken, and Dom Lee. *Heroes*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 1995. Print.

Music For Alice

Author: Allen Say

(Ages 5–10)

Say, Allen, and Allen Say. *Music for Alice*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004. Print.

Blue Jay in the Desert

Author: Marlene Shigekawa

(Ages 5–10)

Shigekawa, Marlene, and Isao Kikuchi. *Blue Jay in the Desert*. Chicago: Polychrome Pub. Corp, 1993. Print.

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

Authors: Michael and George Chilcoat

(Ages 5–10)

Tunnell, Michael O., and George W. Chilcoat. *The Children of Topaz : The Story of a Japanese–American Internment Camp : Based on a Classroom Diary*. New York: Holiday House, 1996. Print.

Journey Home

Author: Yoshiko Uchida

(Ages 5–10)

Uchida, Yoshiko, and Charles Robinson. *Journey Home*. New York Toronto New York: Aladdin Books Maxwell Macmillan Canada Maxwell Macmillan International, 1992.

Journey to Topaz

Author: Yoshiko Uchida

(Ages 5–10)

Uchida, Yoshiko, and Donald Carrick. *Journey to Topaz: a Story of the Japanese-American Evacuation*. Berkeley, Calif: Heyday Books, 2005.

The Invisible Thread: An Autobiography

Yoshiko Uchida

(Ages 8–12)

Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Invisible Thread: an Autobiography*. New York: Beech Tree Paperback, 1995.