

## Teacher Resources, Colorado Biographies, and Secondary 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 Schrage

[http://www.adamschrager.tv/Ralph\\_Carr.html](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](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](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.

## **Secondary 6–12 Books:**

### **The Best Bad Thing**

Author: Yoshiko Uchida

ALA Notable Book

(Ages 9–12)

Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Best Bad Thing*. New York: Atheneum, 1983. Print.

### **A Jar of Dreams**

Author: Yoshiko Uchida

(Ages 9–12)

Uchida, Yoshiko. *A Jar of Dreams*. New York Toronto New York: Aladdin Books Maxwell Macmillan Canada Maxwell Macmillan International, 1993.

### **Umbrella**

Author: Taro Yashima

(Ages 8–15)

Yashima, Tarō. *Umbrella*. New York: Puffin Books, 1977.

### **The Journal of Ben Uchida: Citizen 13559, Mirror Lake Internment Camp**

Author: Barry Dennenburg

(Ages 9–12)

Denenberg, Barry. *The journal of Ben Uchida, citizen 13559, Mirror Lake Internment Camp*. New York: Scholastic Inc, 1999. Print.

### **Remembering Manzanar: Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp**

Author: Michael C. Cooper

(Ages 9–14)

Cooper, Michael L. *Remembering Manzanar : Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp*. New York: Clarion Books, 2002. Print.

### **When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story**

Author: Steven Chin

(Ages 11–14)

Chin, Steven A., and David Tamura. *When Justice Failed : the Fred Korematsu Story*. Austin, Tex: Raintree Steck–Vaughn, 1993. Print.

**Kira-Kira**

Author: Cynthia Kadohata

2005 Newberry Medal Award winner.

(Ages 11-14)

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Kira-kira*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2006.

**Weedflower**

Author: Cynthia Kadohata

(Ages 10-14)

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2009.

**Under the Blood-Red Sun**

Author: Graham Salisbury

(Ages 10-14)

Salisbury, Graham. *Under the Blood-Red Sun*,. New York: Laurel-Leaf Books, 2005. Print.

**Thin Wood Walls**

Author: David Patneaude

(Ages 10-14)

Patneaude, David. *Thin Wood Walls*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2008. Print.

**I am an American**

Author: Jerry Stanley

(12-18)

Stanley, Jerry. *I am an American: a True Story of Japanese Internment*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1996.

**Nisei Daughter**

Author: Monica Sone

(Ages 10-14)

Sone, Monica I. *Nisei Daughter*. Seattle: [University of Washington](http://www.uw.edu) Press, 1979. Print.

**Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During WWII**

Author: Martin Sandler

Ages( 8-16)

Sandler, Martin W. *Imprisoned : the betrayal of Japanese Americans during World War II*. New York: Walker Books For Young Readers, 2013. Print.

**Flying Dragon**

Author: Natali Lorenzi

(Ages 11- 14)

Lorenzi, Natalie D. *Flying the Dragon*. Watertown, Mass: Charlesbridge, 2012.

**Eyes of the Emperor**

Author: Graham Salisbury

Salisbury, Graham. *Eyes of the Emperor*. New York: Laurel-Leaf Books, 2007. Print.

**Farewell to Manzanar**

Authors: Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston

Houston, Jeanne W., and James D. Houston. *Farewell to Manzanar: a True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II Internment*. New York: Ember, 2012.