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What a story! Just cannot imagine being taken from my home like this - and as a U.S. citizen. All your possessions are gone - and to be set free at the end with no plan for your future is beyond belief. What a sad commentary on this government of ours. How horrible for people of her parent's generation - I can see why some of them just gave up. Kudos to the author for telling her story.

This book exceeded my expectations. I was impressed that Jeanne was able to express the full range of not only her own emotions, but those of her family and friends. I felt like I was there, at Manzanar, running the gambit of hardships and turmoil with the internees. The history of what happened at Manzanar is interwoven with the wartime mood of our country, and I believe this book is a must read for adults and young adults everywhere. We must understand this sad chapter if we are to be vigilant in preventing such craziness in the future. I give the book 5 stars because of its important message, the timeless feelings shared with us by the authors and because I will recommend it to any friends and family who have not read it.

This book gives an account of the Japanese internment camps in the United State during WWII. It is



telling of the human character: the will to survive in terrible circumstances, retain dignity while losing your freedom, and being ostracized as an American citizen simply because of the way you look or worship. It is a poignant story of one family's struggle to not only survive but thrive in the best way they can. It tells of the toll the internment took on the family life of these Japanese Americans and serves as a challenge to us today.

Jeanne did a good job in describing her family and their horrible journey through internment at Manzanar. This terrific Injustice had horrific impact on her family, especially her father, taking away his feeling of manhood and pride. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book to learn more about the years of internment of the Japanese people during World War II. My only disappointment was I was left with a desire for more information on the impact of internment on the Japanese Americans.

I've read several books about the internment of the Japanese - this one was written from the perspective of one who endured it all. The author candidly related her experiences and the feelings she had at the time. She also revealed some of the negative dynamics that occurred within her family. After reading the book, I went looking for the 1976 movie that was based on it. I found a couple of sources. I opted for the cheapest one - it was a DVD-R with NO features at all (like chapters, an index, subtitles, etc.) I suspect it was recorded from a VHS tape. The quality was quite low, but the movie was watchable. Not a great movie, but it was a decent supplement to the book. Good enough that I got a much more expensive copy that's available from the Japanese American National Museum. That DVD had much better image quality, and also an interview with the author, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. Questions about the DVD? I'll try to answer comments quickly.

An honest and informative story of a family who lived in an era that many of us know too little about. The heartfelt description of the effects that the Manzanar experience had on this family, and certainly many other similar families, was an eye opener. This book should be required reading for anyone interested in sociology. As a footnote, there is now a National Park at Manzanar which is well worth visiting for anyone who lives or is traveling in the area.

Farewell to Manzanar is an American tale depicting a dark side of U.S. History. The story chronicles Jeanne Wakatsuki and her family from running a successful fishing business in Long Beach California to internment. It is a story of the triumph of the human spirit - as the Wakatsuki's adjust to life behind fences - in the dusty Camp Manzanar. This thought-provoking memoir is a must read for



everyone - young and old.

This book was an assigned reading in my college U.S. History class. I'm glad it was because it really opened my eyes to this dark part of our past that I had previously known little about. This book is a very easy read. I would recommend it to younger kids who are beginning to read more substantial books.

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