

BCC Library Media Center Resources for When the Emperor Was Divine

Reference Resources (L100):

<u>American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation</u>	Ref E184.A1 H35 1997 2 vols.
<u>Atlas of Asian-American History</u>	Ref E184.A75 A89 2002
<u>Asian American Encyclopedia</u>	Ref E184.O6 A827 1995 6 vols.
<u>Encyclopedia of Japanese American History</u>	Ref E184.J3 E53 2001
<u>A Nation of Peoples: A Sourcebook on America's Multicultural Heritage</u>	Ref E184.A1 N2866 1999
<u>Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature July, 1941-June, 1943</u>	Held behind Reference Desk

LMC BCC READS! Web Site: <http://www.bcc.ctc.edu/lmc/bccreads.html>

This site will link you to listings of:

- *LMC books available for 1-week loan from the BCC Reads! Display at the front of the LMC;*
- *Videos held at the Media Center (L219) for viewing;*
- *Interesting web sites on the Japanese American internment, on the book and its author, and an in-depth study guide.*
- *Books currently available at the Reserve Desk on special loan from Louis Watanabe;*
- *Articles from newspapers, quarterlies and pamphlets on special loan from Akemi Matsumoto, also currently available from the Reserve Desk.*

BCC Reads! Display in the Library Media Center (L100)

In addition to book and audio copies of When the Emperor Was Divine, LMC books related to the Japanese in America are displayed. There are also copies of government documents. The LMC appreciates the generous loan of materials for this display from Dr. Alan Yabui, Louis Watanabe, and Akemi Matsumoto.

BCC Reads! Resource Binder at the Reference Desk

A few of the thought-provoking items kept here:

- hard copy of **Anchor Book Teacher's Guide**;
- hard copy of the **Reading Group Guide** from Powell's Books;
- articles about the book and its author;
- hard copy from the UW's Camp Harmony Exhibit Web site, and HistoryLink.org;
- articles, from 1942, about the internment from *Saturday Evening Post*, *Life*, and *The Nation* magazines, and from the *New York Times*;
- in-depth information on the "One World, One War" map that was on the boy's bedroom wall;
- lyrics to the girl's favorite song, "Don't Fence Me In";
- a copy of the document entitled "Relocation and the Constitution", marked Confidential, from the War Relocation Authority, outlining the "defense positions the Federal Government will take in the event the legality of its evacuation and relocation program is challenged." It is dated August 12, 1942.

Resources that have a local tie or deal directly with life at Topaz:

From the Media Center: Topaz-video, VT-2124

From the articles on Reserve: Pacific Magazine March 19th, 1989

Seattle Times, June 30th, 2004

Seattle Times, November 24th, 1991

Journal American, May 17th, 1992

Northwest NIKKEI, November, 1990

Journal American, May 19th, 1992

From the LMC Display Collection:

Nisei Daughter by Monica Sone F899.S49 J376 1979

Chiura Obata's Topaz Moon edited by Kimi Kodani Hill N6537.O22 A2

From the BCC Reads! Web Site Collection:

"Topaz Relocation Center"

http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/anthropology74/ce12.htm

From the BCC Reads! Resource Binder at the Reference Desk:

"Eastsiders in Exile" Seattle Times

BCC's Periodical Collection can provide a glimpse of what was on the coffee tables of America. Issues of **Life** and **National Geographic** are available from the 1940s.

Examples of each are available at the Reference Desk.

Questions to start discussions or research, some with a local bent, might include:

What did the Evacuation Order say? What could they take with them?

What is a "One World, One War" map? (referred to on pg. 7 of the novel)

The girl's favorite song (pg 13) lends irony to the story. What are its lyrics?

What was Camp Harmony?

What role did Bainbridge Island play during this time? Puyallup? Portland, OR? Minidoka, ID?

What were those interned found to be guilty of?

What effect did the evacuation have on the Puget Sound Economy?

How many people were interned from Washington State?

Did you know anything about the internments before reading this book?

Have you, or anyone you know, been in a refugee camp?