

Farewell to Manzanar

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Difficulty Level: 5

This book takes place in California in the year 1941 at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. It talks about one family's pain and suffering in the camps where the US government put the Japanese people after they attacked Pearl Harbor. They have to choose for being on one side-- US side or Japanese side, their family or their nation. It ends in 1947 after all the Japanese left the camps. This book made me think about how it was hard to be a Japanese at that time and how hard was for them to make a decision to be with the US or with the Japanese. It was very, very hard. I'm glad that it's all over now. We recommend this book for reading and writing classes because this book is easy to follow, but it has a small print and has difficult words and names.



What we liked about this book

- It's interesting, gets our attention
- It's like real life
- It teaches about history
- It's for adults
- It's for kids
- It encourages us, makes us think about our lives
- We can relate to where it takes place
- It describes the place really well
- It doesn't use too much slang
- The sentences are not too long
- The paragraphs are a good size

What we didn't like about this book

- It's hard to follow what's happening
- Not everyone can relate to it
- Some people may not be comfortable thinking about the subject of this book
- It's depressing or sad
- It has small size print
- It has a lot of difficult words