

Baseball Saved Us

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Year

1993

Genre

Historical Fiction

Suggested Grade Level

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Cultural Experience

Asian American

"He said people needed something to do in Camp. We weren't in a camp that was fun, like summer camp. Ours was in the middle of nowhere, and we were behind a barbed-wire fence."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Exploring identity, names, and storytelling

Social Studies: Immigration, refugee experiences, cultural identity, global connections

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Empathy, resilience, self-advocacy, and valuing diversity

Art: Visual representation of personal names and cultural symbols

Primary Source Connection:

- Collection of Photographs from the Library of Congress that highlights life in Manzanar Relocation Center in California - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/ansel-adams-manzanar/about-this-collection/>
- Collection of photographs from Topaz Relocation Center in Utah - <https://topazmuseum.org/topaz-history/camp-site-photos/>

Other Books:

- [Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind](#) by Cynthia Grady (Pk-6th)
- [My Lost Freedom: A Japanese American WW2 Story](#) by George Takei (1st-6th)
- [The Children of Topaz](#)
- [Seen and Unseen](#)
- [My Lost Freedom](#)
- [Love Grows Here](#)