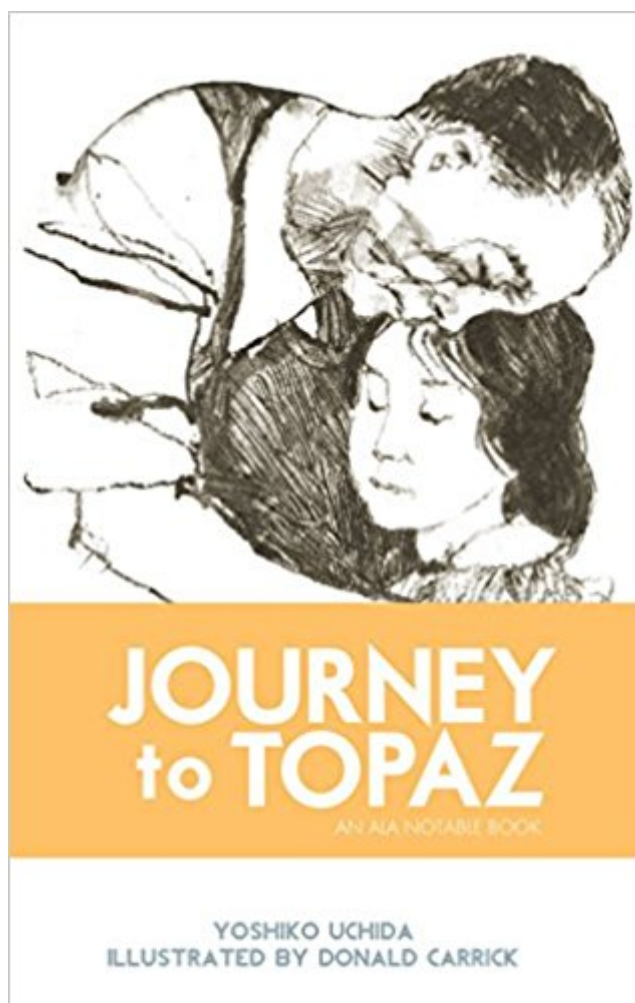


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# Journey To Topaz: A Story Of The Japanese-American Evacuation



## Synopsis

Based on Yoshiko Uchida's personal experiences, this is the moving story of one girl's struggle to remain brave during the Japanese internment of World War II. In a bleak and dusty prison camp, eleven-year-old Yuki and her family experience both true friendship and heart-wrenching tragedy. *Journey to Topaz* explores the consequences of prejudice and the capacities of the human spirit. First published in 1971, this book is now a much loved and widely read classic.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

"Although classified as juvenile reading, many adults will find this book enlightening. It is written with skill, sensitivity and a confidence gained from first-hand experience." Lee Ruttle, Pacific Citizen  
ALA Notable  
California Recommended Reading List Core Title  
"This tragic herding of innocent people is described with dignity and a sorrowful sense of injustice that never becomes bitter." --Saturday Review

Yoshiko Uchida (1921-1992) was born in Alameda, California, and grew up in Berkeley. She is the author of many books, including *Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese-American Family*, *Journey to Topaz*, and *Samurai of Gold Hill*.

We are heartbroken reading this book. I want to give it 2 stars just because I am so upset over what happened. But that doesn't make sense! The author does a fabulous job drawing us into the story and painting the picture we need but don't want to see. I am still trying to figure out why I never heard of this in school. Absolutely tragic. Beautifully written and illustrated.

Wonderful story and very appealing to young students (upper elementary, middle school). Perfect book to use for interdisciplinary teaching. Students learn history and civics through high quality literature. This gives them a reason to research, take the government to court -and use writing standards to argue a position. Talk about meeting Common Core Standards in an authentic and thought provoking way!

Journey to topaz is about yuki , a young girl, forced to leave the only home she's ever known (Berkeley) to go to live in an internment camp during world war two. The camps are worse than she could ever imagine, and she has to give up so many things. Journey to topaz is based on real experiences and is a heartbreaking look into America's past

Required reading for my 6th grade daughter. Seemed very impactful. She said she never expected it to be so good.

My son (11yo) had to read this book for school and he loved it

Almost as good as 1,000 Pieces of Gold.

This was a reading assignment in my 5th grade Language Arts class. The reason I loved this book is because it made me feel like I was in Yuki's body, and I felt I was also the narrator. The story was very interesting.

I like it.

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