

Published Resources on Tule Lake

Note: The works highlighted below all have a specific focus on some aspect of Tule Lake. The list does not include general works on the incarceration that includes Tule Lake as part of some larger story. For a list of significant general works on the incarceration, see <https://densho.org/additional-resources/>.

Core Works

Collins, Donald E. *Native American Aliens: Disloyalty and the Renunciation of Citizenship by Japanese Americans During World War II*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1985. [A history of post-segregation Tule Lake that focuses on the forces that led to mass renunciation of citizenship.]

Kashiwagi, Hiroshi. *Starting from Loomis and Other Stories*. Edited and with an introduction by Tim Yamamura. Afterword by Lane Ryo Hirabayashi. Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2013. [Memoir by a renunciant playwright and poet includes reflections on his decisions to renounce and its consequences.]

Kiyota, Minoru. *Beyond Loyalty: The Story of a Kibei*. Translated from Japanese by Linda Klepinger Keenan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1997. [Memoir of a Kibei scholar who was a Tule Lake renunciant as a young man.]

A Question of Loyalty: Internment at Tule Lake, The Journal of the Shaw Historical Library 19 (2005). [Special issue of the journal focusing on Tule Lake that includes articles by Barbara Ditman, Mark Clark, Edward Takeshi Miyakawa, Lee Juillerat, Barbara Takei, Motomu Tom Akashi, Martha Nakagawa, Tokio Yamane, and Anne Hiller Clark.]

Shirai, Noboru. *Tule Lake: An Issei Memoir*. Translated by Ray Hosoda. Edited by Eucaly Shirai and Valerie Sampson. Sacramento, Calif.: Muteki Press, 2001. [Translated memoir by a younger Issei who played a role in Tule Lake community politics as the executive secretary of the pre-segregation community council that includes much rich detail on community life at the camp.]

Takei, Barbara, and Judy Tachibana. *Tule Lake Revisited: A Brief History and Guide to the Tule Lake Concentration Camp Site*, Second Edition. San Francisco: Tule Lake Committee, Inc., 2012.

Weglyn, Michi. *Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps*. New York: William Morrow & Co., 1976. Updated ed. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1996. [Landmark work on the incarceration, the second half of which largely focused on post-segregation Tule Lake.]

Books, articles, and dissertations

Cates, Rita Takahashi. "Comparative Administration and Management of Five War Relocation Authority Camps: America's Incarceration of Persons of Japanese Descent during World War II." Diss., University of Pittsburgh, 1980.

Christgau, John. "Collins v. the World: Wayne Collins, Sr. and the Tadayasu Abo Case." *Historical Reporter* 3.1 (Summer 1983): 2-14.

———. "Collins Versus the World: The Fight to Restore Citizenship to Japanese American Renunciants of World War II." *Pacific Historical Review* 44.1 (Feb. 1985): 1-31.

Deschin, Celia S. "Tule Lake—Social Science in Inaction." *Journal of Educational Sociology* 21.6 (Feb. 1948): 368-81. [Essay by a Tule Lake welfare section counselor on the failure of social scientists to influence WRA policies that turned disastrous at Tule Lake.]

Fryer, Heather. "'The Song of the Stitches': Factionalism and Feminism at Tule Lake." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society* 35.3 (Spring 2010): 673–78. [On Rosalie Wax, the main JERS fieldworker in post-segregation Tule Lake.]

Gottfried, Leanore V. "Medical Social Work in the War Relocation Program." *Family (Journal of Social Casework)* 25.3 (May 1944): 108-13. [Looks at "loyal" families who moved from Tule Lake to other camps.]

James, Thomas. "The Education of Japanese Americans at Tule Lake, 1942-1946." *Pacific Historical Review* 41.1 (Feb. 1987): 25-58.

Johnson, Donald Orville. "The War Relocation Authority Schools of Tule Lake, California." M.A. Thesis, Stanford University, 1947.

Kumei, Teruko Imai. "'Skeleton in the Closet': The Japanese American *Hokoku Seinen-dan* and Their 'Disloyal' Activities at the Tule Lake Segregation Center during World War II." *Japanese Journal of American Studies* 7 (1996): 67–102. [Revisionist interpretation of the *Hokoku* at Tule Lake.]

Miyamoto, S. Frank. "The Career of Intergroup Tensions: A Study of the Collective Adjustments of Evacuees to Crises at the Tule Lake Relocation Center." Ph.D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 1950. [Miyamoto was a JERS fieldworker at pre-segregation Tule Lake who later became a professor at the University of Washington.]

———. "Resentment, Distrust, and Insecurity at Tule Lake." In Ichioka, Yuji, ed. *Views from Within: The Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Study*. Los Angeles: Asian American Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, 1989. 127-40.

Nakamura, Lisa M. "Seeking Meanings from the Past: Examining the Psychological Effects of the Tule Lake Pilgrimage on Japanese American Former Internees and Their Descendents." Psy.D. dissertation, The Wright Institute, 2009.

Okihiro, Gary Y. "Tule Lake under Martial Law: A Study of Japanese Resistance." *Journal of Ethnic Studies* 5.3 (Fall 1977): 71-86.

Opler, Marvin K. "A 'Sumo' Tournament at Tule Lake Center." *American Anthropologist* 47.1 (Jan.-Mar. 1945): 134-39. [Opler was the community analyst at Tule Lake, and this and his other works stem from his work there.]

———. "Two Japanese Religious Sects." *Southwestern Journal of Anthropology* 6.1 (Spring 1950): 69-78. [Looks at two religious groups at Tule Lake: Gedatsu-kyokai and Konko-kyo.]

———. "Japanese Folk Beliefs and Practices, Tule Lake, California." *Journal of American Folklore* 63.250 (Oct. 1950): 385-97.

———. "Cultural Dilemma of a Kibei Youth." In Georgene Seward, ed. *Clinical Studies in Cultural Conflict*. New York: Ronald, 1958.

———, and F. Obayashi. "Senryu Poetry as Folk and Community Expression." *Journal of American Folklore* 58.227 (Jan.-Mar. 1945): 1-11.

Takita, Sachiko. "The Tule Lake Pilgrimage and Japanese American Internment: Collective Memory, Solidarity, and Division in an Ethnic Community." Ph.D. dissertation, UCLA, 2007.

Thomas, Dorothy S., and Richard Nishimoto. *The Spoilage*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1946, 1969. [Influential early work on post-segregation Tule Lake and also the first monograph to come out of the JERS project.]

Tule Lake Committee. *Kinenhi: Reflections on Tule Lake*. San Francisco: Tule Lake Committee, 1980.

Wax, Rosalie H. *Doing Fieldwork: Warnings and Advice*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971. [Wax, the main JERS field worker at post-segregation Tule Lake, draws on the lessons she learned from that experience.]

———. "In and Out of the Tule Lake Segregation Center: Japanese Internment in the West, 1942-1945." *Montana* 27 (Spring 1987): 12-25.

Wollenberg, Charles M. *Rebel Lawyer: Wayne Collins and the Defense of Japanese American Rights*. Berkeley, Calif.: Heyday Books, 2018. [Biography of Wayne Collins, the lawyer who represented most of the renunciants in their efforts to regain citizenship.]

Memoirs, Diaries, Letters

- Akashi, Motomu. *Betrayed Trust: The Story of a Deported Issei and His American-Born Family During World War II*. Bloomington, Indiana: AuthorHouse, 2004. [Family memoir by the son of a Tule Lake resistance leader follows their journey to Tanforan, Topaz, Tule Lake, and occupied Japan.]
- Chang, Gordon H., ed., annotated, and with biographical essay by. *Morning Glory, Evening Shadow: Yamato Ichihashi and His Internment Writings, 1942-1945*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1997. [Edited compilation of diaries, letters, and research notes of the University of California professor that includes his incarceration at pre-segregation Tule Lake.]
- Gruenewald, Mary Matsuda. *Looking Like the Enemy: My Story of Imprisonment in Japanese-American Internment Camps*. NewSage Press, 2005. Young Reader's Edition, 2010. [Incarceration memoir by a young woman from Vashon Island, Washington includes her recollections of pre-segregation Tule Lake.]
- Harkness, Thomas T. *Caucasian Boy at a Japanese Camp*. Redlands, Calif.: Tulahark Press, 2004. [Memoir by the son of Kenneth M. Harkness, who was the superintendent of schools and later chief of community services at Tule Lake, that recalls his boyhood impressions of the camp.]
- Jacoby, Harold S. *Tule Lake: From Relocation to Segregation*. Grass Valley, Calif.: Comstock Bonanza Press, 1996. [Memoir by a sociologist who was the initial head of internal security at Tule Lake.]
- Kashiwagi, Hiroshi. *Swimming in the American: A Memoir and Selected Writings*. San Mateo, Calif.: Asian American Curriculum Project, 2005. [The first of two memoirs by the playwright mostly focuses on the pre-war period though it does include his CWRIC testimony, his lengthy poem "A Meeting at Tule Lake" written for the 1975 Tule Lake Pilgrimage, and tribute to Wayne Collins, along with his 1990 play *The Betrayed*, which is partially set in Tule Lake.]
- Kawaratani, Yukio. *Reluctant Samurai: Memoirs of an Urban Planner*. Self-published, 2007. [Memoir of an urban planner who played a key role in the redevelopment of Los Angeles that also covers the breaking up of his family in post-segregation Tule Lake.]
- Kitagawa, Daisuke. *Issei and Nisei: The Internment Years*. New York: The Seabury Press, 1967. [Wartime memoir of a young Issei Methodist clergyman that covers his incarceration at Tule Lake, where he was an important inmate leader in the pre-segregation period.]
- Loftus, Mitzie Asai. *Made in Japan and Settled in Oregon*. Pigeon Point Press, 1990. [Memoir by a Nisei woman from Hood River, Oregon, that includes their incarceration at pre-segregation Tule Lake.]

Lowery, Margaret. *39 Months at Tule Lake*. Xlibris, 2004. [Wartime diary of Tule Lake property officer J. Sheldon Lowery; includes introductory and background material by his daughter, Margaret Lowery.]

Nakagawa, George. *The Cross on Castle Rock: A Childhood Memoir*. Lincoln, Neb.: iUniverse, Inc., 2003. [Memoir that covers pre-segregation Tule Lake from the perspective of ten-year-old for Kent, Washington.]

Shimonishi-Lamb, Mili. *And Then a Rainbow*. Santa Barbara, Calif.: Fithian Press, 1990. [Memoir by a Nisei reunicant who spends thirteen years in Japan her incarceration at Tule Lake.]

Takei, George. *To the Stars: The Autobiography of George Takei Star Trek's Mr. Sulu*. New York: Pocket Books, 1994. [Memoir includes the author's recollections of Tule Lake and what led his Nisei mother to renounce her American citizenship.]

Literary works

Charyn, Jerome. *American Scrapbook*. New York: Viking, 1969. [Japanese American family saga that mostly takes place in Manzanar, though one chapter is told from the perspective of a Nisei who ends up at post-segregation Tule Lake.]

de Cristoforo, [Violet] Kazue Matsuda. *Poetic Reflections of the Tule Lake Internment Camp, 1944*. Santa Clara, Calif.: Privately printed, 1988. [Collection of poems written while the author was incarcerated at Tule Lake.]

Miyakawa, Edward. *Tule Lake*. Waldport, Ore.: House By the Sea Publishing Company, 1979. [Novel set in Tule Lake whose protagonist, a Nisei lawyer, becomes a reluctant inmate leader at the camp.]

Mitsui, James Masao. *Crossing the Phantom River*. The Graywolf Press, 1978. [Poetry collection that includes poems inspired by the author's wartime incarceration at Tule Lake.]

Mueller, Marnie. *The Climate of the Country*. Willimantic, Conn.: Curbstone Press, 1998. [Novel whose protagonist is an idealistic young conscientious objector who becomes the director of community enterprises at Tule Lake and through whose eyes we see the unrest at the camp unfold. The novel is loosely based on the experiences of the author's father, Don Elbersen, who held that position in real life.]

Roosevelt, Kermit. *Allegiance*. Regan Arts, 2015. [Historical mystery novel whose protagonist is a young Justice Department lawyer who ends up getting involved in Japanese American related cases. A subplot involves his going to Tule Lake to aid in the prosecution of draft resisters there.]

Shallit, Barney. *Song of Anger: Tales of Tule Lake*. Fullerton: Oral History Program, California State University, Fullerton, 2001. [Memoir in vignettes by a former social worker at Tule Lake.]

Steele, Danielle. *Silent Honor*. New York: Delacorte Press, 1996. [Best-selling incarceration saga that is partially set in Tule Lake.]

Templeman, Max. *Kibei*. Daimax Publishing House, 1979. [Family saga centering on a Kibei renunciant at Tule Lake that follows him to postwar Japan.]

Yamauchi, Wakako. "The Sensei." In Wakako Yamauchi, *Songs My Mother Taught Me: Stories, Plays, and Memoir*, edited and with an introduction by Garrett Hongo, afterword by Valerie Milner. New York: Feminist Press at the City University of New York, 1994. 101–08. [Short story about a Nisei couple's uneasy postwar interactions with a Buddhist priest who had been a leader at post-segregation Tule Lake.]

Film and video

American Fish. Directed by Jesse Wine, 1995. 10 minutes. [Humorous short film about two Nisei women who meet at a market notes prevalent community attitudes towards Tule Lake.]

Arnold Knows Me: The Tommy Kono Story. Directed by Ryan Yamamoto, 2016. 27 minutes. [Biographical film on the Olympic champion weightlifter, who took up the sport at Tule Lake.]

The Cats of Mirikitani. Directed by Linda Hattendorf, 2006. 74 minutes. [Documentary film on artist Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani that covers his incarceration at Tule Lake and his renunciation of citizenship.]

From a Silk Cocoon. Directed by Emery Clay III, Stephen Holsapple, and Satsuki Ina, 2005. 57 minutes. [Documentary film that tells the story of a Kibei couple at Tule Lake.]

Invisible Citizens: Japanese Americans. Produced by Keiko Tsuno, 1983. 57 minutes. [Documentary film that highlights and wartime and post stories of six Japanese Americans. One segment, on Shiro Tokuno, takes place in part at a Tule Lake Pilgrimage.]

Jimmy Murakami-Non Alien. Directed by Sé Merry Doyle, 2010. 90 minutes. [Biographical documentary on artist and animator Jimmy T. Murakami that includes his incarceration at Tule Lake and his later return via a pilgrimage.]

Meeting at Tule Lake. Produced and directed by Scott T. Tsuchitani, 1994. 33 minutes. [Short documentary on the history of Tule Lake made for the 1994 Tule Lake Pilgrimage.]

Rabbit in the Moon. Directed by Emiko Omori, 1999. 85 minutes. [Influential documentary that highlights resistance and other lesser known stories of the incarceration.]

Resistance at Tule Lake. Directed by Konrad Aderer, 2017. 80 minutes. [Documentary film on Tule Lake that focused on the post-segregation period.]

To Be Takei. Directed by Jennifer M. Kroot and Bill Weber, 2014. 94 minutes. [Documentary film portraying George and Brad Takei includes George talking about his family's incarceration experience at Tule Lake.]

Children's books

Irwin, Hadley. *Kim/Kimi*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books/Macmillan, 1987. [Young adult novel about a mixed-race teenager growing up in Iowa who traces her deceased Nisei father's family history to Sacramento and Tule Lake.]

Kadohata, Cynthia. *A Place to Belong*. New York: Atheneum, 2019. [Young adult novel about a Tule Lake renunciant family's first year in a defeated Japan.]

Patneaude, David. *Thin Wood Walls*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2004. [Young adult novel that follows the lives of a family from rural Washington at Tule Lake.]