

*They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott, and Harmony Becker

*They Called Us Enemy* is a graphic novel memoir of George Takei's time in the internment camps that Japanese-Americans were placed in during WWII. He was just a child when his family's life was completely uprooted and they were forced to leave their home simply because of their country of origin.

This is a part of U.S. history that is often glossed over in social studies and history classes. All I remember learning in school was that there were Japanese internment camps in the Western part of the U.S., but the real details were not included. And I didn't know that the government later apologized for what they had done to all of these families and paid restitution to the survivors. This was an eye-opening book for me.

Seeing how this impacted George's young life and that of his family is heart wrenching, but it's an important story to learn about. It's difficult to reconcile the fact that this is still something that is happening in this country, with the ICE detention centers across the U.S. So this is definitely a timely read, and one that I hope everyone will read. It's the type of book that can hopefully help to bring about positive change.

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