

My Lost Freedom

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A moving true story for children ages 6 to 9 about growing up in Japanese American incarceration camps during World War II—from the iconic *Star Trek* actor, activist, and author of the *New York Times* bestselling graphic memoir *They Called Us Enemy*.

February 19, 1942. George Takei is four years old when his world changes forever. Two months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declares anyone of Japanese descent an enemy of the United States.

George and his family were American in every way. They had done nothing wrong. But because of their Japanese ancestry, they were removed from their home in California and forced into camps with thousands of other families who looked like theirs.

Over the next three years, George had three different “homes”: the Santa Anita racetrack, swampy Camp Rohwer, and infamous Tule Lake. But even though they were now living behind barbed wire fences and surrounded by armed soldiers, his mother and father did everything they could to keep the family safe.

In *My Lost Freedom*, George Takei looks back at his own memories to help children today understand what it feels like to be treated as an enemy by your own country. This is a story of a family’s courage, a young boy’s resilience, and the importance of staying true to yourself in the face of injustice.

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