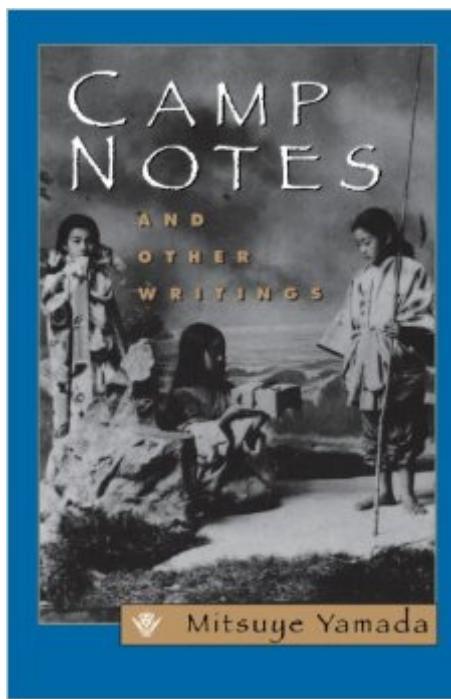


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# Camp Notes And Other Writings



## **Synopsis**

Mitsuye Yamada was born in Kyushu, Japan, and raised in Seattle, Washington, until the outbreak of World War II when her family was removed to a concentration camp in Idaho. *Camp Notes and Other Writings* recounts this experience. Yamada's poetry yields a terse blend of emotions and imagery. Her twist of words creates a twist of vision that make her poetry come alive. The weight of her cultural experience—the pain of being perceived as an outsider all of her life—permeates her work. Yamada's strength as a poet stems from the fact that she has managed to integrate both individual and collective aspects of her background, giving her poems a double impact. Her strong portrayal of individual and collective life experience stands out as a distinct thread in the fabric of contemporary literature by women.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I don't usually enjoy poetry but this one was rather interesting. I thought it was interesting but rather enjoyed that she went from poems to an actual story. It was definitely something different than from what I've seen before. The poems were short but full of meaning and depth. The story or reminiscing just brought it full circle for me.

*Camp Notes* is about the Japanese American war and grabs your attention because it is not just a history book that is boring to read. It is really interesting due to the fact that it is in poem form and that you are reading translated poems from the Japanese who were captures in the camps and also

the ones who were affected by the war. I loved reading it and it was a quick read. It really helps set the mood when you are reading the poems out loud. I would recommend reading this book if you are interested in learning more about the Japanese American war in an easy and different way.

Camp Notes is a poetry book that documents the experiences of Japanese-Americans during World War 2 in Idaho. Yamada was interned during this time at the Japanese Internment camp called Minidoka. Since most Americans don't know about this misstep in US Civil Rights I found it an interesting read that wasn't intimidating since it's a poetry book! I recommend reading it if you are interested in the Japanese American internment.

It was always difficult for me to understand poems, but these were quite easy to follow along. The way Yamada expresses her story was very lively and descriptive.

The poetry just gives the reader an artful experience. Love it!

Camp Notes was a really great and well put together series of poems of WWII. It almost makes you feel the same experiences that many people had during this time in U.S history. This book is recommended as it also teaches you a lot about U.S history.

Even though I am not a very big fan of poetry I really enjoyed reading this book. It was very interesting to read about Mistuye Yamada's experience in the concentration camps during WWII. It was an easy read and would highly recommend it.

This book really gave me an insight on the emotions of the Japanese during WWII. Love it,

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