Desert Diary: Heartbreaking Testimony from Japanese American Kids Behind Barbed Wire

Desert Diary is a powerful and moving book that tells the stories of Japanese American children who were imprisoned in internment camps during World War II. These firsthand accounts offer a unique and deeply personal perspective on one of the darkest chapters in American history.

The book is divided into four sections, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the internment experience. The first section, "Arrival," describes the children's initial arrival at the camps. They were met with barbed wire fences, armed guards, and a sense of overwhelming confusion and fear.

The second section, "Life in Camp," tells the story of the children's day-to-day lives in the camps. They attended school, played games, and tried to make the best of their situation. But they also faced discrimination, prejudice, and a constant sense of uncertainty about their future.



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The third section, "Resistance," tells the story of the children's resistance to the internment. They organized protests, wrote letters to the government, and even went on hunger strikes. Their courage and determination helped to raise awareness of the plight of the Japanese Americans and to bring an end to the internment camps.

The fourth section, "After the War," tells the story of the children's lives after the war. They returned to their homes and communities, but they were forever changed by their experiences in the camps. They faced discrimination and prejudice, but they also found strength and support from their families and friends.

Desert Diary is a powerful and moving book that tells an important story about the resilience of the human spirit. The children's stories are a testament to the power of hope, courage, and determination.

"Desert Diary is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the true cost of war. These children's stories are heartbreaking and inspiring, and they offer a valuable lesson about the importance of fighting for justice and equality." - **The New York Times**

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