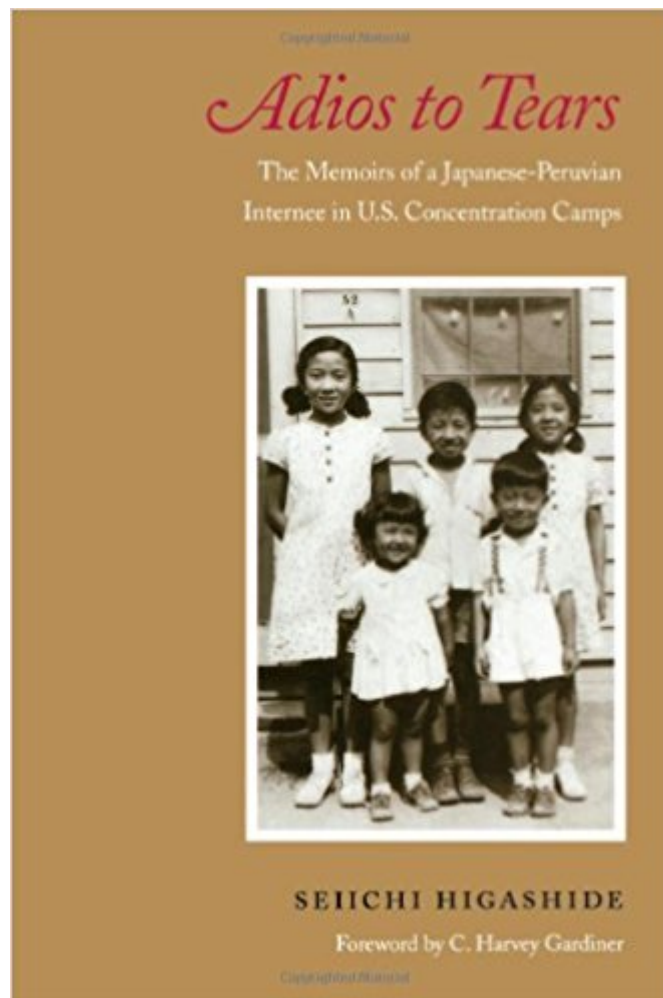




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Adios To Tears: The Memoirs Of A Japanese-Peruvian Internee In U.S. Concentration Camps



Synopsis

Adios to Tears is the very personal story of Seiichi Higashide (1909–1997), whose life in three countries was shaped by a bizarre and little-known episode in the history of World War II. Born in Hokkaido, Higashide emigrated to Peru in 1931. By the late 1930s he was a shopkeeper and community leader in the provincial town of Ica, but following the outbreak of World War II, he—along with other Latin American Japanese—was seized by police and forcibly deported to the United States. He was interned behind barbed wire at the Immigration and Naturalization Service facility in Crystal City, Texas, for more than two years. After his release, Higashide elected to stay in the U.S. and eventually became a citizen. For years, he was a leader in the effort to obtain redress from the American government for the violation of the human rights of the Peruvian Japanese internees. Higashide's moving memoir was translated from Japanese into English and Spanish through the efforts of his eight children, and was first published in 1993. This second edition includes a new Foreword by C. Harvey Gardiner, professor emeritus of history at Southern Illinois University and author of *Pawns in a Triangle of Hate: The Peruvian Japanese and the United States*; a new Epilogue by Julie Small, cochair of Campaign for Justice—Redress Now for Japanese Latin Americans; and a new Preface by Elsa H. Kudo, eldest daughter of Seiichi Higashide.

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This is an incredible and emotionally moving memoir of human determination and resilience. The memoir of Seiichi Higashide starts with his humble beginnings in poverty in rural Japan. He manages, against all odds, to become well educated and a licensed architect in Japan and immigrates to Peru. He marries a native Japanese-Peruvian woman and ends up in a US internment camp during WWII in Crystal City, Texas, where he becomes a man without a country. The following years detail their move into American society with their eight children on the mainland US and later Hawaii. I learned so much about a piece of history I never knew and was moved by the resilience and success of this amazing family.

fascinating reading. I highly recommend it for those who are interested in immigrant populations. it is an interesting narrative of the injustices that ordinary people have to go through in times of war, and in times of adaptation as a minority group

This book brings to me memories of my childhood in Lima, Peru. Many events written overlap with my life there. Now I can understand better why the Japanese descendants in Peru help each other the way they do. Honesty, fellowship and the will the make a better life in a new land is still alive, and make proud of my roots. Good book. A good legacy from Seiichi Higashide and those who helped him to make it a book.

This is a book written by my Grandfather. It is about how while living in Peru, he and his family were taken to an internment camp in the United States during World War II. What I really like about his retelling of this time of his life is that he stays so positive. Everything was taken away from him. Yet, he knows that he can rebuild and live a better life here in America. I am proud of the life he lived. I am thankful that he succeeded here so that I could live in this great nation, too.

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