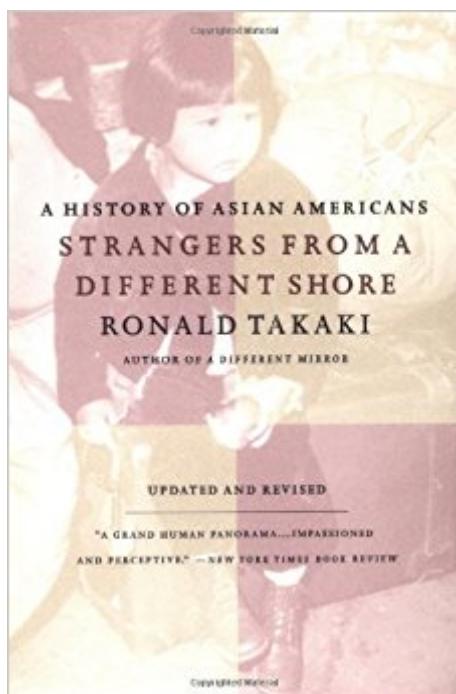


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# Strangers From A Different Shore: A History Of Asian Americans, Updated And Revised Edition



## **Synopsis**

In an extraordinary blend of narrative history, personal recollection, & oral testimony, the author presents a sweeping history of Asian Americans. He writes of the Chinese who laid tracks for the transcontinental railroad, of plantation laborers in the canefields of Hawaii, of "picture brides" marrying strangers in the hope of becoming part of the American dream. He tells stories of Japanese Americans behind the barbed wire of U.S. internment camps during World War II, Hmong refugees tragically unable to adjust to Wisconsin's alien climate & culture, & Asian American students stigmatized by the stereotype of the "model minority." This is a powerful & moving work that will resonate for all Americans, who together make up a nation of immigrants from other shores.

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Chinese immigrants to the U.S. in the 19th century were transformed into outsiders by racism and economic exploitation. This pattern, Takaki shows, would be imposed on other Asian immigrant groups. Filipinos, condescended to as "little brown brothers" by whites in the Philippines, became targets of violent white backlash once they emigrated to the U.S.; Indians were feared and persecuted as labor competition; Japanese-Americans withdrew into self-contained communities. Takaki, descended from a Japanese-American family who labored on Hawaiian plantations, and now an ethnic studies professor at UC Berkeley, has written a vibrant, rich history that gives back a voice to countless "invisible Americans." His broad, multi-ethnic survey is peopled with real individuals, allowing us to experience their loneliness, separation from families, struggles for survival. Later chapters cover the internment of Japanese-Americans during WW II and the

post-1965 "second wave" of Asian immigrants that included Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. Photos. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This popular history of Asian Americans--Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Filipinos, and Indians--based frequently on primary sources, shows how they have made their presence felt in America from the early 1800s. Their immigration has been marked by the cruelty of forced labor, poverty, and intense prejudice. Many had come searching for a better life after hearing tales of gold nuggets on city streets, money on trees, and the famed "gold mountain." Instead, they found the endless chopping of sugar cane, the sweat of laundries, the backache of building railroads. Later generations discovered the lack of opportunity despite prestigious university degrees. This is fascinating reading, highly recommended.- Kitty Chen Dean, Nassau Community Coll., Garden City, N.Y. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ronald Takaki did a beautiful job portraying the struggles of Asian immigrants. Personal moving stories from various ethnicities coupled with newspaper clippings, painted a backdrop of how differently each ethnicity felt and lived to establish a life in Hawaii and on the main land, especially California. This book was exceptionally moving- I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in learning their Asian American roots and empathizing with it as well.

Ronald Takaki does an amazing job telling the history of Asian Americans. This book is by far one of the best books I've read on Asian American history. His use of vocabulary and wording makes visualizing stories in his book an easy breeze. There were often many times as I was reading the book, I felt as if I were there in the story itself. Being able to visualize myself in the context of what he's saying and being able to sense what was happening is highly important. Ronald Takaki has done more than words can describe to tell the lost stories of Asian American history.

This book will give you all the insight you want to know and learn about. It is a fairly easy read and written very well.

Required book for school.

There is so much misunderstanding and miscommunication in this planet and home we call Earth. Over the years, people of different ethnic groups started to drift apart and create their own unique and functional societies. As you've seen over the years, tensions from different ethnic groups have caused racism, suffering, death, and war. I believe that, even though this was assigned to me in a class, everyone can still find something useful in this book. Many times, I would turn to another chapter that I was purely interested about, say for example the Koreans. I have no idea how they think or what happened in their history. With that said, pick this book up because you might contribute to an eventual world peace and unity. Understanding another's culture and spreading that curiosity and knowledge is a small feat but makes a huge difference.

Great read! I purchased this book for my AAS class, I didn't think the story telling was going to be very interested until I got to chapter 2. The book gets better and better. The style of writing is educational, but not dry and boring.

Amazing! I don't really read much, but this was suggested by a friend. You always hear about what happened in Eastern and Southern America, but to hear some of the stories of the ever-socially accepting California being down right racist was pretty amazing. Easy reading and definitely have to force yourself to put it down.

I learned a lot about Asian American migration from this book. Good and interesting read.

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