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The friendship between San Francisco girls Mitzi Fujimoto and Ruthie Fox is changed when World War II begins and Mitzi and her family are forced to go into an internment camp.

Moon Bridge Details

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Maren says

It is the beginning of WW2 and Ruthie goes to school one day where she sees her best friend Shirl making fun of a new girl. This new girl is Mitzi Fujimoto, a Japanese American. Ruthie stands up for Mitzi and they become best friends. Then one day Mitzi 'goes missing' and Ruthie finds out that Mitzi's family has been taken to an internment camp. Ruthie and Mitzi keep touch by writing letters. One day Ruthie gets a letter from Mitzi asking to meet up at the Moon Bridge. When they arrive they barely even recognize each other because it has been so long but they rekindle their friendship.

This book does deal with issues of racism but the material is handled very tastefully and is aimed at a younger audience so the content is nothing to worry about. I really liked this book because it makes you think and it takes a real historical time period and makes you think about what people went through during that time.

Mazzou B says

This book is a look at a friendship between a Caucasian American girl and a Japanese American girl during World War 2. It tries to show the tension involved as the Japanese American friend experiences hostility and eventually relocation.

I thought this could have been a really helpful book if it had been written better! Also, if the author had known more about the time period. The characters acted and talked more like Americans of the 1960s and onward than the 1940s!

Not a necessary read, in my opinion.

♥ Caitlin says

I read this book several years ago, when I was almost finished with elementary school. My teacher had it in her classroom. I really loved this book! Unfortunately, when I transferred to another school, I wasn't able to find the book anywhere (it's very hard to find because it is such an old book). However, I was able to get the book online a couple years ago or so. I read it again and enjoyed it a lot, if not as much as I had the first time I read it.

Ayoca says

This book could be used for grades third and up during Social Studies to teach about WWII and Japanese Connection. It's about two young girls one who is American and the other one is Japanese. They became extremely close friends. The Japanese was forced to leave but the two girls promised to meet again at the Moon Bridges.

Marisa says

It's a sweet story of a friendship by two very different girls. When Ruthie finds out that Mitzi has to leave during the war, Ruthie misses her and promises to meet her at the moon bridge, their favorite spot

(I remember reading this book just because of the way the pages sounded when you'd turn them)

Rhiannon20 says

This book is fine, but after one of the main characters leaves when Japanese-Americans were locked up during WWII, it gets boring because the other main character has a boring time without her best friend. If I had written this book, I would have cut out some of the parts where Ruthie is all alone after her best friend leaves. Also I thought Ruthie should have had more of an understanding about what was going on.

Alison Levie says

This is a good book about a Caucasian girl and a Japanese girl who become friends at the beginning of WWII. The story is told entirely from the perspective of the Caucasian. It deals with issues of racism, friendship, mean behavior between people, patriotism, and the tragic Japanese internment that was conducted by the U.S. government. I wonder if the character of Mitzi, the Japanese girl is realistic. Her fear is well developed, but she almost seems too much like her Caucasian friend. I enjoyed the creativity of both girls in their friendship. Good questions or discussion points might relate to a comparison between the friendship Ruthie had with Shirl, compared to her relationship with Mitzi, the reactions of Mitzi and her father compared to Uncle Joe, Ruthie's reaction to Mitzi's silence and failure to write, and their reunion. Why did people react to the Japanese the way they did? Do you think this made sense? What was the difference between the way they reacted to the Germans and Italians and the Japanese?

Karen says

I think RuthAnn gave this to me in elementary school. It might be the book that sparked my interest in WWII. It's the story of a young white American girl and a young Japanese American girl, and the attempt to form a friendship during the war when there is so much hatred and suspicion. Mitzi, the Japanese-American is sent to an internment camp with her family. I remember being deeply affected by Mitzi's story... it was a foreign subject to me. I made mom read the book, I think.

Meadow Frisbie says

This book was very good. I was shocked at the sudden break up of friends at the beginning. I couldn't believe Sheryl could be such a snob. But Mitzy is a doll! I love her. I felt with the characters and could feel the discomfort of meeting as women after long years apart.

Miss Amanda says

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1941-1945 San Francisco. 10 year old Ruthie befriends Mitzi when some of her classmates bully her because she is a Japanese American. Ruthie and Mitzi find they have a lot in common and become good friends. When Mitzi and her family are sent to an internment camp, Ruthie tries to keep in touch by writing letters and worries when she stops hearing from Mitzi. In the end, after three years the friends are reunited at the Moon Bridge.

This was a great book about what it was like in San Francisco in the early part of WWII. When Mitzi was sent to an internment camp, just like Ruthie you felt like your friend had disappeared too. The ending was bittersweet. Ruthie and Mitzi were happy to see one another again, but you could tell a lot had changed since they'd last seen one another.

Caitlyn says

I learned that It doesn't matter where you or your ancestors are from what matters is what's inside of you

Erin says

I remember reading this in grade school and loving it. This book began my love for the historical fiction genre.

This book really taught me about how Japanese Americans were treated with social injustice and taken from their lives to be permanently affected.

I remember crying when the little white friend writes letters to her Japanese American friend telling her about how her day went. But these letters were never received.

Reading this as a child I learned things about WWII that I couldn't have in a text book.

Shelby oconnor says

Nothing can stop Ruthie

Corynne G says

This book was about a Girl named Ruthie. At her school she met a girl named Mitzi. At this time the war was happening against the Japanese so everybody hated Mitzi. Except Ruthie. ONE day she had to move away. The best friends kept on writing back and forth to each other.

This book was pretty good, and I liked it.

Michelle says

The Moon Bridge is a very realistic book that takes place during World War 2. Two girls end up creating a strong friendship neither of them expected. No one wanted to be this Japanese girl's friend, Mitzi, because she was Japanese. At this time, Japanese people were saw as enemies and were acted very suspicious among their neighbors. A group of girls start teasing Mitzi but one of them defends her and she ends up slowly building a friendship with Mitzi. The two girls played imaginary games like going underwater and finding treasure, eating chocolate together, baking food, and having dinner at each others homes. They ended up liking each other more than they could ever imagined! However, one day Mitzi just left all of a sudden and the other girl didn't know what happened so she went to Japantown to see where Mitzi was because maybe she forgot. Later, she found a note saying that her family went somewhere else and won't be coming back. She then ran back home and her mother knew already. I knew how she felt because it was just so unexpected. She writes to Mitzi and she writes back. They need to reunite again and who knows if they will? You will if you read this book. Will these two girls reunite? What's the significance of the moon bridge? I'd recommend this book to people who like to read about friendship.
