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The Fences Between Us; The Diary of Piper Davis

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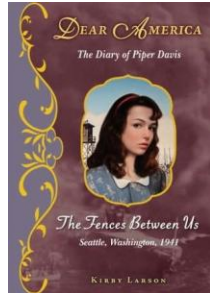
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Larson, Kirby. *The Fences Between Us; The Diary of Piper Davis*. Scholastic, 2010. ISBN 9780545262323. 12.99. 313 p.

Reviewer: JilliAnne Jensen

Reading level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informative; World War, 1939-1945 --United States --Juvenile Fiction;

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It's 1941 in Seattle, Washington, and Piper Davis' main concern is finding a boyfriend. But everything changes when the United States of America is attacked by the Japanese Empire. Boys become the last thing on Piper's mind with her father desperately trying to keep his Japanese Baptist congregation from being sent to incarceration camps, and her brother fighting in the thick of the battle. When all people of Japanese ancestry are finally forced into incarceration camps, Piper's father decides to follow—taking Piper with him. She is angry at being forced from her friends and home, but learns through witnessing the unfairness and cruelty of war, what it takes to make a difference.

This is an informative book on World War II that gives a diplomatic viewpoint of Japanese incarceration camps from multiple perspectives. Larson does a good job of bringing the reader right into the book itself. *The Fences Between Us* is not only entertaining but educational as well. It includes historical notes on the incarceration camps during the war, the speech President Roosevelt gave after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a recipe from that time period, and websites to go to for more information. This book would be great to use when teaching students about World War II, and American History.

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