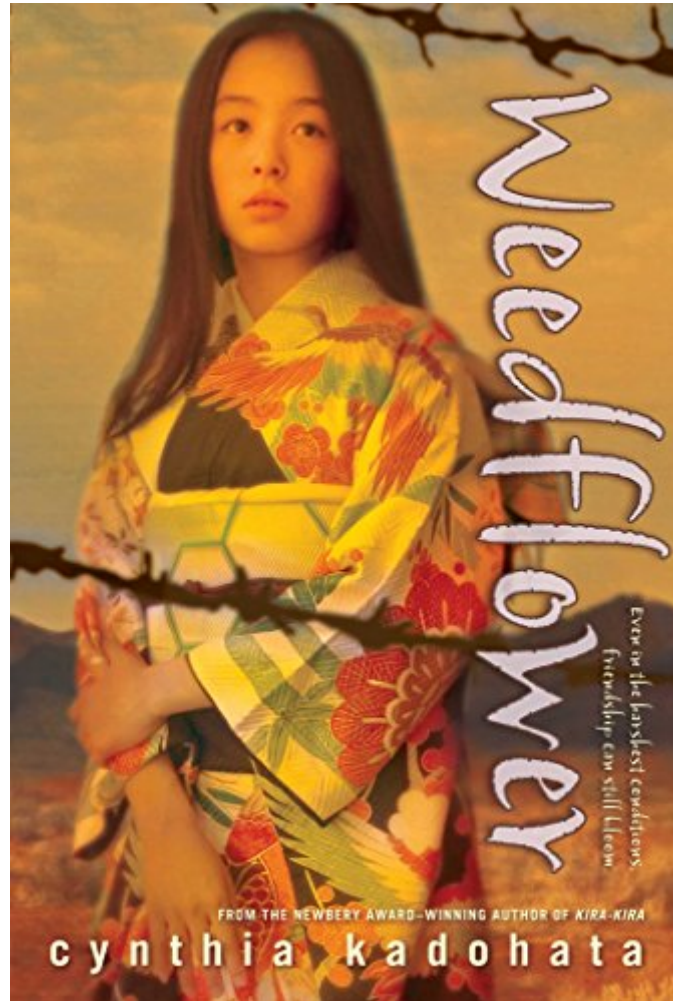




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Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Sumiko feels her life has been made up of two parts: before Pearl Harbor and after it. The good part and the bad part. Raised on a flower farm in California, Sumiko is used to being the only Japanese girl in her class. Even when the other kids tease her, she always has had her flowers and family to go home to. That all changes after the horrific events of Pearl Harbor. Other Americans start to suspect that all Japanese people are spies for the emperor, even if, like Sumiko, they were born in the United States! As suspicions grow, Sumiko and her family find themselves being shipped to an internment camp in one of the hottest deserts in the United States. The vivid color of her previous life is gone forever, and now dust storms regularly choke the sky and seep into every crack of the military barrack that is her new "home." Sumiko soon discovers that the camp is on an Indian reservation and that the Japanese are as unwanted there as they'd been at home. But then she meets a young Mohave boy who might just become her first real friend...if he can ever stop being angry about the fact that the internment camp is on his tribe's land. With searing insight and clarity, Newbery Medal-winning author Cynthia Kadohata explores an important and painful topic through the eyes of a young girl who yearns to belong. *Weedflower* is the story of the rewards and challenges of a friendship across the racial divide, as well as the based-on-real-life story of how the meeting of Japanese Americans and Native Americans changed the future of both.

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Customer Reviews

Great story. My 12 year old loves this book

I think I've now read most everything Kadohata has written. As with all of her work, "Weedflower" is meticulously researched. The sense of place is palpable. But it's the intimacy of the characters - how Kadohata draws us in to so closely affiliate with each of the characters - that makes her work so truly engaging. I think she has become my favorite "young person's" writer.

It was really good because it showed what it was like to be a Japanese-American and what it was like to live in the camp. Sumiko showed what it was like for a kid and being discriminated against which then happened but would not be okay now.

An eye-opening and humanizing peek into the treatment of Japanese American citizens after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This is a great way to help understand the human cost of massive cultural relocations.

I wish it would have been longer than it was I wish they tell you what happens next?

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We all adored it. You should read this my daughters say. Great history and even better life lessons. Looking for more like it

I loved this book. At first I thought I wouldn't like it but it turned out to be such an amazing story of a young girl and her journey through war. I definitely recommend this book to other readers especially those who like adventure books because you never get bored reading this one.

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