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Dr. Erica Harth

editor of

Last Witnesses:

Reflections on the Wartime Internment of Japanese Americans

As a young girl, Harth accompanied her mother, a social worker who lived and worked inside Manzanar, a California Japanese-American internment camp – one of 10 U.S. camps where more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Harth spent a year attending first grade surrounded by barbed-wire fences and armed-guard towers. She lived in the harsh California desert alongside Japanese-American families, much like the fictional family in MCC's Common Book, Julie Otsuka's *When The Emperor Was Divine*.

Harth went on to become a professor of French literature at Brandeis University. In 2001, more than 50 years after this dark chapter in U.S. history, she edited a volume of essays, titled *Last Witnesses: Reflections on the Wartime Internment of Japanese Americans*, that challenges readers to construct a better future by confronting the past.

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