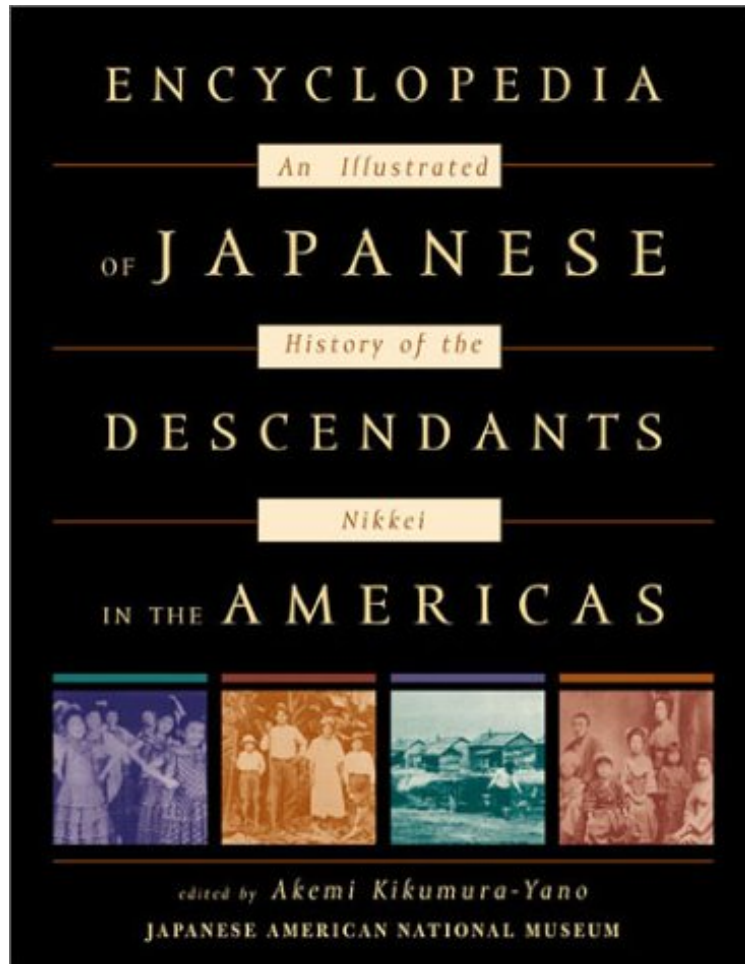


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The Encyclopedia is the first comprehensive guide to the history of Japanese immigrants in the western hemisphere over the last two centuries. It is the story of the Nikkei (people of Japanese descent and their descendants) from early immigration to the present as they settled in the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico,

Paraguay, Peru, and the United States. Each chapter provides four primary areas of information: An historical overview, a bibliographic essay, an annotated bibliography, and supplementary materials including demographic data, and rare historical photographs. Contributing authors address common themes of work and recreation, family and community life. Noted scholars Gary Okihiro and Eiichiro Azuma provide key introductory essays on the historical context of Japanese migration from 1868 to the present. The Encyclopedia originated as a collaboration between the International Nikkei Research Project and a multinational team of fourteen institutions, with scholars from ten different countries. It is an impressive reference work for understanding the historical events, special circumstances, and individual and collective choices that shaped many Nikkei communities and the diversity of their experiences in the Americas. It is a valuable resource and fascinating, multi-faceted portrait of Japanese immigrants for many audiences: researchers of Japanese immigration, Ethnic Studies and Asian studies, as well as all people of Japanese and Asian descent. The Foreword is by United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The Encyclopedia is published in cooperation with the Japanese American National Museum and sponsored by the Nippon Foundation.

This attractive book is the culmination of a number of years of great effort. (Bc s)This encyclopedia is an important contribution to the study of the Nikkei, the descendants of the Japanese, who settled in the various countries of the Americas. Nikkei in their respective country who wrote about their own history and experiences developed each of the chapters in this volume. The compilation of their histories into one volume allows for a reexamination of the meaning of community and the process of identity formation among those who consider themselves Nikkei. I commend the Japanese American National Museum and The Nippon Foundation for making this encyclopedia of the Nikkei in the Americas available to the general public through this important publication. This is the first work of its kind that provides an overview of the Nikkei communities in North, Central and South America. I hope that this volume is just the beginning of comparative studies of the Nikkei in the world. Further documentation and analyses will provide the coming Nikkei generations with the wherewithal to make informed, rational life choices for themselves in the future. (From the Foreword by Daniel K. Inouye)About the AuthorAkemi Kikumura-Yano is an anthropologist and director of the International Nikkei Research Project. She is Vice President for Programs and Director of Research at the Japanese American National Museum and is the author of several books, including: *Through Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman*; and *Promises Kept: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Man*.