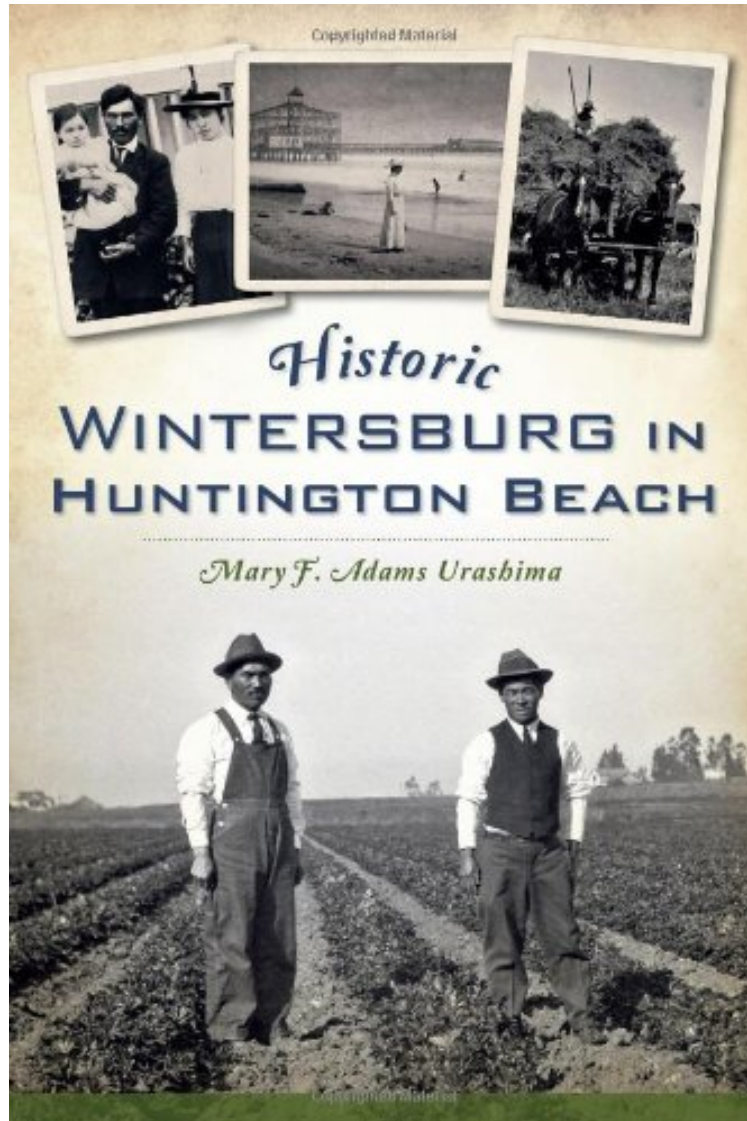


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Mary Adams Urashima : Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach (Brief History) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach (Brief History):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy RandyInsight to the past struggle and beginnings of the Japanese immigrants who came to California to work. Also to see how the mission work of a local church to reach out to those who did not know Christianity.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy David FernandezEnjoyed very much, thank you.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. History dull? Never!By

jules "I like Mary's book because it's just plain interesting. I have always found it amazing that the Japanese harbored their country very little ill will after the internments. Most of them had to rebuild their businesses and came home to a world that had changed. And Southern California is familiar to me. Hollywood is my hometown, after all. Mary traces the first inhabitants of HB back thousands of years through burial rites and artifacts such as the "Universe Effigy." She rarely "tells"- but intersperses what might seem like dry information with retold stories garnered from interviews, uses humor, and knows all the "juicy bits." She makes a display of Orange County citrus at the the World's Columbian Exposition sound so appetizing that I actually went out to the kitchen and cut up a grapefruit and ate it on the spot. (Maybe that's just me. When I read "Gap Creek," I made a lot of cornbread and drank sake all the way through "Shogun.") Because of the passion she has for the place, use of photos, and the respect she has for current members of the actual families involved, she has turned what might have been a dull read into a fascinating story. I took the book to my book club and to a luncheon of colleagues in Arizona. Many of those I spoke to regarding the book are Phoenix natives and related to the changes that have occurred here, as well as in Wintersburg. Their stories spilled forth for discussion. Believe me, when a non-fiction historical book from a place no one in Arizona has ever heard of can inspire that, you know you have a hit on your hands."

Designated a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2015, Wintersburg Village's unique history is representative of the Japanese pioneer experience on the West Coast. Japan's post-Meiji period ended the feudal system, creating in the late 1800s social changes that prompted Japanese immigration to America. Many who settled in the Wintersburg countryside were of samurai ancestry, bringing an enterprising spirit to Orange County's businesses and farms. The village's history encompasses early aviation, archaeological discoveries, the county's oldest Japanese church, goldfish farming and overcoming discrimination to achieve civil liberties. Forcibly evacuated and confined during World War II, Japanese pioneers left an indelible mark on Southern California. Absorbed by the City of Huntington Beach, Wintersburg remains mostly a memory. Join historian Mary F. Adams Urashima as she resurrects a vanishing chapter of Orange County.

About the Author Mary Adams Urashima is a former journalist, with thirty years' experience in media and public affairs. She has been involved in local and regional governmental issues, environmental and land use projects and major infrastructure projects. She authors two local history blogs, Historic Wintersburg and Historic Huntington Beach, and chairs the community effort to preserve the property known as Historic Wintersburg." She has served as a political appointee and chamber of commerce president."