

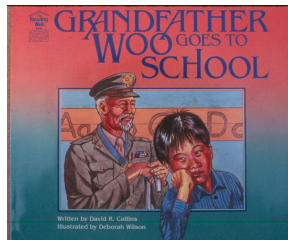
APIA WWII Resources for Elementary School

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Picture Book Titles

NOTE: There are a few non-fiction picture books focusing on the lives of specific APIA WWII veterans. Children's fiction with APIA WWII military characters as the protagonist is basically non-existent. Below is an annotated list of what can be found to date. San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) call numbers are provided by Jerry Dear, Librarian. Nick Bartel of the TACT Curriculum Committee provided links to the Read-Alouds.

Collins, David R.
Grandfather Woo Goes to School. Illustrated by Deborah Wilson, Milliken Publishing, 1990.



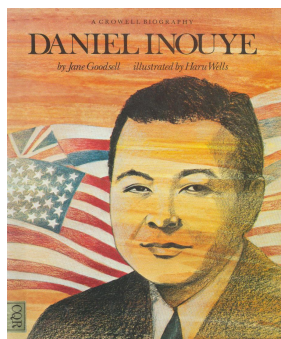
Fiction: Chinese American Grandfather Woo shows up for Career Day as a war veteran but his war stories are not included in the book.

Dixon, Chuck, script.
Medal of Honor: Daniel Inouye. Illustrated by Christopher Ivy, Association of the United States Army, 2020.
www.military.com/off-duty/2020/06/02/read-free-graphic-novel-honoring-medal-honor-recipient-sen-daniel-inouye.html



A graphic short story covering Daniel Inouye's WWII military experience.

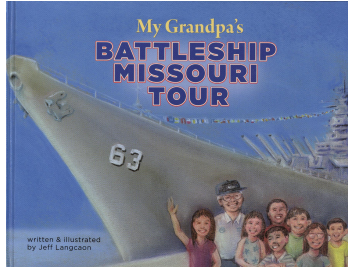
Goodsell, Jane. *Daniel Inouye*. Illustrated by Haru Wells, Thomas Y. Crowell, 1977. Crowell Biographies.



This biography covers Inouye's military experience on pp. 15-24.

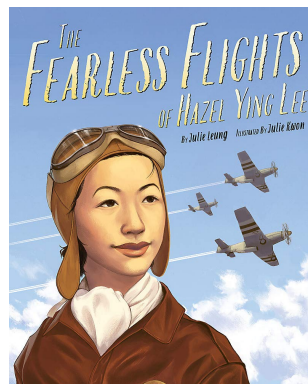
SFPL Call no.: [jB Inou](#)

Langcaon, Jeff. *My Grandpa's Battleship Missouri Tour*. Mutual Publishing, 2007.



Fiction: A Japanese American grandfather shows students the battleship where he served during World War II, but does not talk about his military experience. Read-Aloud: www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4pfgD_uD7s [6:50].

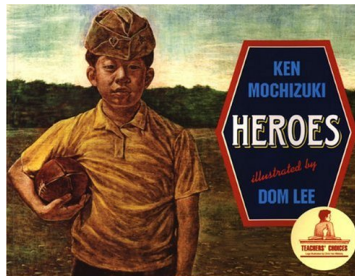
Leung, Julie. *The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee*. Illustrated by Julie Kwon, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2021.



This is a picture book biography. Read-Aloud with Julie Leung and Julie Kwon: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tq2l_o70Vq4 [29:11].

[SFPL Call no.: jB Lee](#)

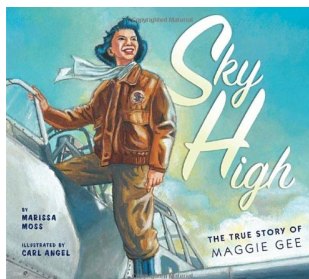
Mochizuki, Ken. *Heroes*. Illustrated by Dom Lee, Lee & Low Books, 1995.



Fiction: The Japanese American protagonist's father and uncle served during World War II, but their military experiences are not described. Read-Aloud: www.youtube.com/watch?v=roP5O_5gfb8&feature=emb_logo [8:11].

[SFPL Call no.: jF Moch](#)

Moss, Marissa. *Sky High: The True Story of Maggie Gee*. Illustrated by Carl Angel, Tricycle Press, 2009.



This is a picture book biography. Read-Aloud: www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfD1gpEoUdg [8:41].

[SFPL Call no.: jB Gee](#)

Shigekawa, Marlene.
Welcome Home Swallows.
Illustrated by Isao Kikuchi,
Heian International, 2001.

[SFPL Call no.: jPS Shig](#)



Fiction: The Japanese American protagonist has one uncle who served in World War II and one who was a no-no boy. It does not go into details about the two uncles' WWII experiences.

Media Titles

Gee, Shannon, director and producer. *An American Hero: Shiro Kashino*. Animation by Randy Eng, Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, NVC Foundation, and Seattle Channel, 2015.
vimeo.com/138931027.



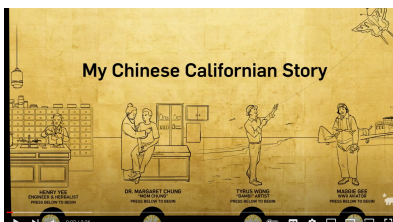
16 minutes

Jesus Villamor: Pinoy Top Gun. Masid, [2020].
www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0vA3VCi2k8&t=82s



8 minutes; animation

Lowe, Felicia, producer, director, and writer. "Maggie Gee: WWII Aviator." *My Chinese Californian Story*. California Museum, Full Frame Production, 2020.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=daWwsWxNE-s&t=15s



2.25 minutes

PBS Learning Media. *Asian Americans in Military Service during WWII*. WETA, Washington DC and CAAM, 2020.
ca.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/asian-americans-military-service/asian-americans-video/



7 minutes

A Story of Asian American Pacific Islanders in the United States Military since the War of 1812. AARP Real Possibilities, [2019].

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1jeUyRdxrI



7 minutes

WASPs: The Maggie Gee Story. Southern Oregon Chinese Cultural Association, 2010.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDcAiW5Y6ww



28 minutes; contains a *Sky High* Read-Aloud with a Maggie Gee interview.