

# 2022 Select APIA WWII Resources

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NOTE: This list focuses on books and media about APIA soldiers and their World War II military service. Some earlier resources cited below might not be available and are listed for historical reference. As with all resource listings, every work should be considered and examined critically. (SFPL refers to San Francisco Public Library).

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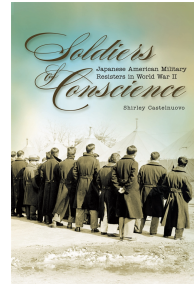
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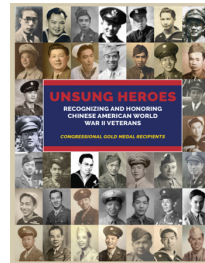
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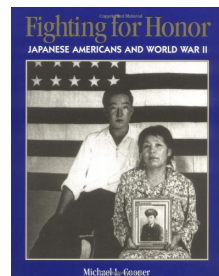
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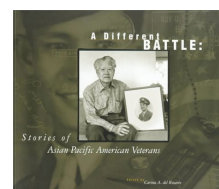
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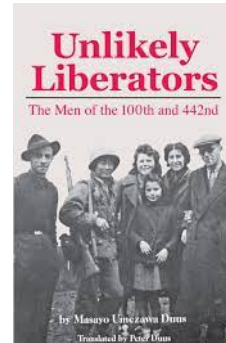
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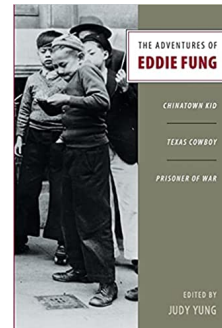
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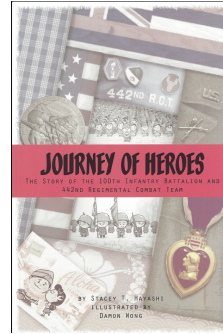
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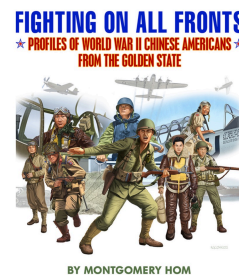
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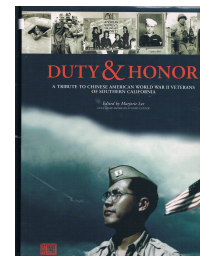
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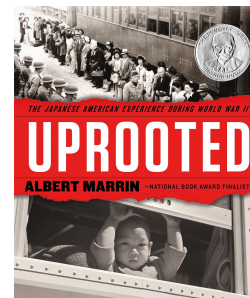
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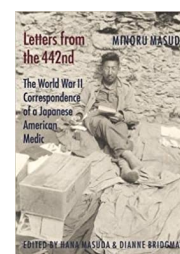
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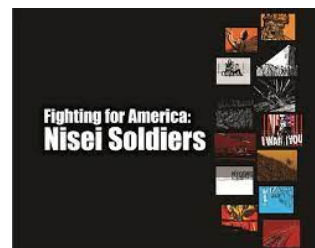
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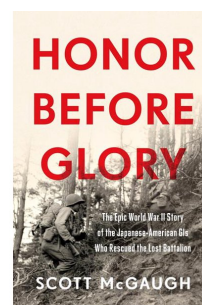
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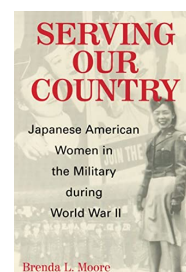
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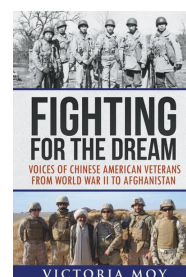
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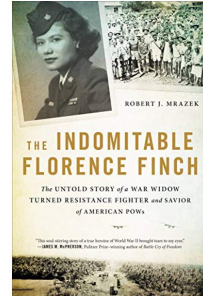
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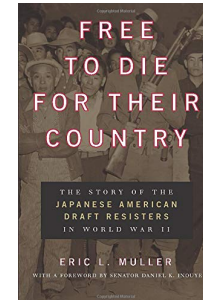
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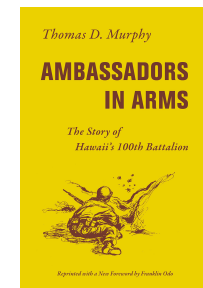
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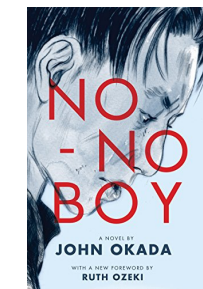
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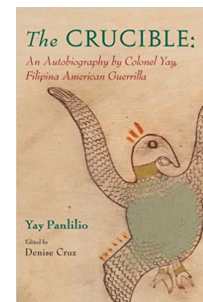
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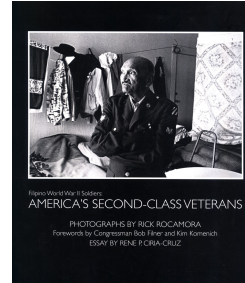
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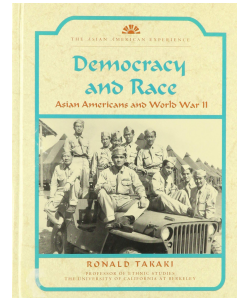
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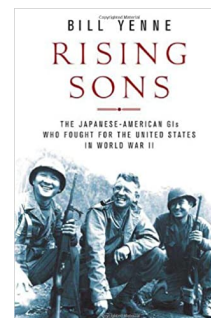
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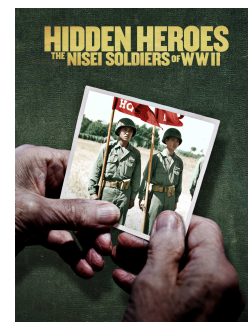
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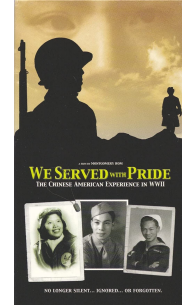
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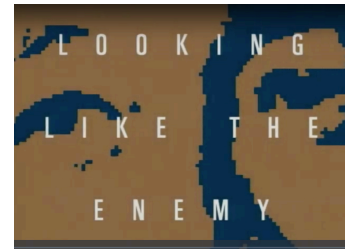
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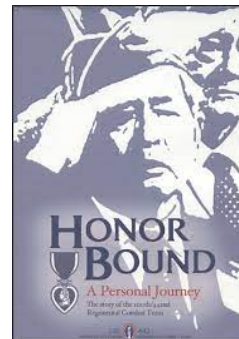
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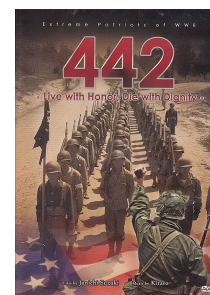
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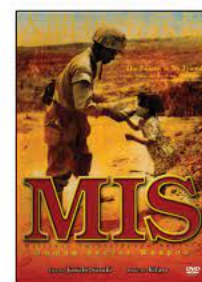
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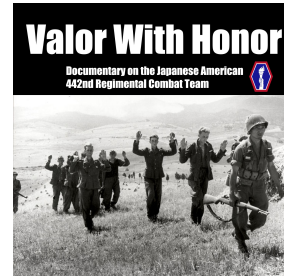
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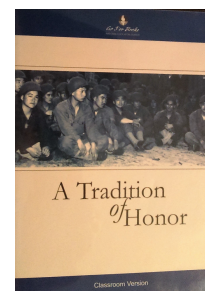
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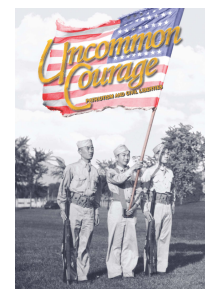
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