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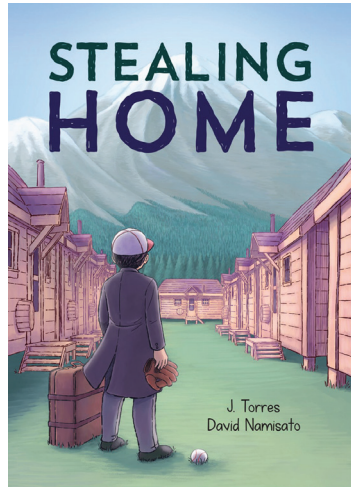
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STEALING HOME

BY J. TORRES

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J. Torres won the Shuster Award for Outstanding Writer for his work on *Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight*, *Love as a Foreign Language* and *Teen Titans Go*. He is also the writer of the Eisner Award nominated *Alison Dare*, and the YALSA listed *Days Like This* and *Lola: A Ghost Story*. Other comic book credits include *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *Batman: The Brave and the Bold*, *Legion of Super-Heroes in the 31st Century*, *Ninja Scroll*, *Wonder Girl*, *Wonder Woman*, and *WALL-E: Recharge*.

Stealing Home introduces students to the story of the forced removal and confinement of Japanese Canadians during WWII, by recounting the story of the famed Vancouver Asahi baseball team.

In this interview with Ainara, J. Torres revealed that he did not learn of this chapter of Canadian history until he was in college- well into his 20s. *Stealing Home* and the story of the Asahi baseball team, is a window into the daily life of the Japanese Canadian community in British Columbia, before, during and after WWII.

The following learning resources have been recommended by J. Torres and Susan Aihoshi. Teachers can adapt these to suit Junior, Intermediate and Senior level students.

[Historica Canada Vancouver Asahi](#)

Heritage Minute

[Virtual Museum-Asahi](#)

A comprehensive suite of links and documents, with an accompanying teacher's guide.

[National Film Board of Canada-East of the Rockies](#)

Written by Joy Kogawa, 2019

An interactive augmented reality video game written by esteemed Canadian author, Joy Kogawa. The video game is accompanied by a thoughtful teacher's guide.

[National Film Board of Canada-Sleeping Tigers: The Asahi Baseball Story-](#)

Directed by Jari Osborne, 2003

Documentary on the Asahi baseball team. Features interviews with surviving members and colour archival footage of the team. This film provided source material for Stealing Home and enriches the resources included above.

ACTIVITY SHEET



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