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Stealing Home

by J. Torres

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

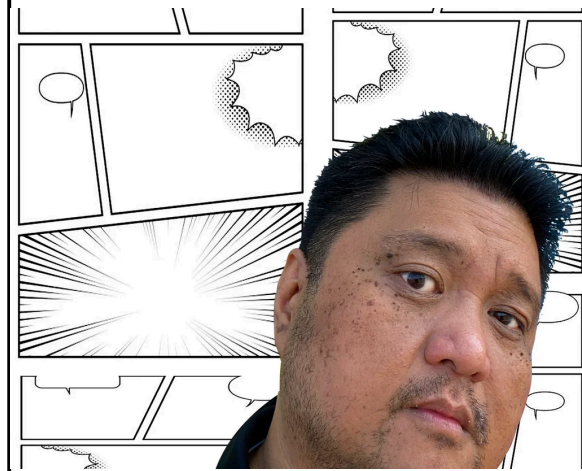
Sandy Saito is a happy boy who reads comic books and is obsessed with baseball --- especially the Asahi team, the pride of his Japanese Canadian community. But when the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, his life, like that of every other North American of Japanese descent, changes forever. His family is forced to move to a remote internment camp, and his father must spend months away from them. Sandy, his mother and his brother cope as best they can with the difficulties at the camp. Over time, Sandy comes to realize that life is a lot like baseball. It's about dealing with whatever is thrown at you, however you can. And it's about finding your way home. In this emotionally gripping graphic novel, J. Torres has artfully woven a fictional story into a historically accurate, thoroughly researched account of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II. Using the approachable graphic novel format, the story of this grave chapter in North American history is gently told with sensitivity and insight, and the theme of baseball runs through the story as a message of hope and renewal.

AR Reading Level: 3.3

Who Wrote It?

Bio

Readers may know me as the writer of DC's *Batman: Knightwatch*, the original *Teen Titans Go* comic book series, the Forest of Reading Honour Books *Planet Hockey* and *Stealing Home*, or *Lola: A Ghost Story*, recipient of an Aesop Accolade from the American Folklore Society. I was born in Manila and raised in Montreal where he was educated at McGill University. I'm married, have two sons, and love going to the movies, traveling, and cheering for the Toronto Raptors.



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I want to read this book: YES / NO



WHAT I THINK





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