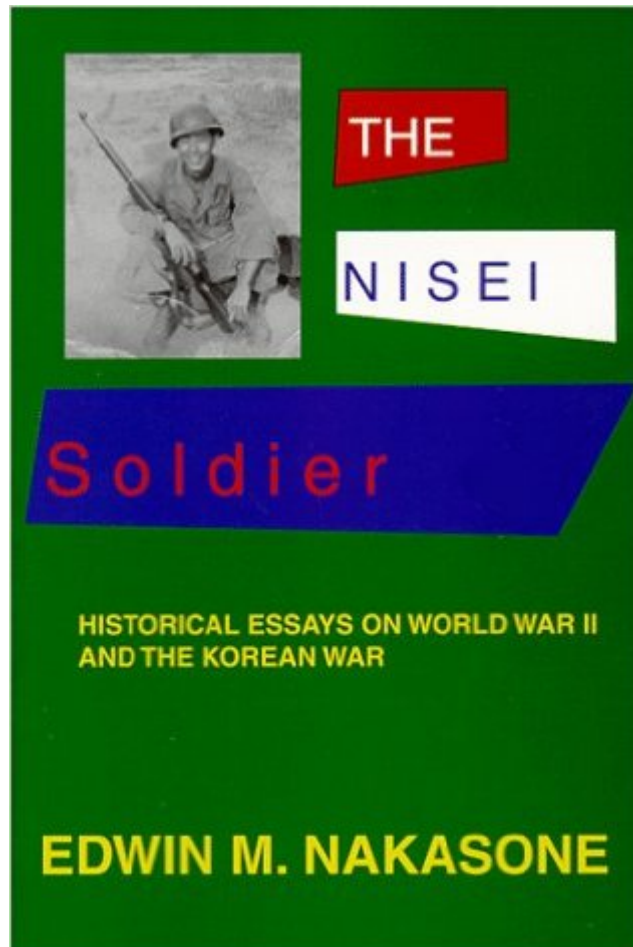


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The Nisei Soldier is a fascinating, fast moving account of major historical events. It is chronicled in such a way that one sees the faces of the protagonists and feels the psychological impact on them--ideal reading particularly for those interested in the contributions of the Nisei to our country's wars. I was a replacement with the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regiment. The Vosges Mountain campaign in France was my initiation into combat as an infantry-man. It was awful, with steel and tree splinters raining down on us--it was hell.

The book Nisei Soldier is a very good and interesting book. The subject matter is interesting, and

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I am a homeschooler using this book to enrich my children's understanding of history. This book presents valuable Japanese perspectives that are not discussed in mainstream education. All of the foreign terms are clearly explained, and the book is very easy to understand. I highly recommend this book for anyone who is interested in gaining a unique insight into World War II and the Korean War!

The Nisei soldier was very well written. I enjoyed reading the personal interviews as they gave insight to what people were really thinking. The book kept my interest because it was told more in the sense of a story than just in factual information put on a page. I was really able to get a better understanding of WWII (results, consequences, causes).

In *The Nisei Soldier: Historical Essays On World War II And The Korean War*, Edwin Nakasone draws upon his expertise having taught Asian-American and World War II history from more than 25 years to write a highly informative account of Japanese-American soldiers called "Nisei", who fought to defend American interests, despite discrimination accorded them and their families by the people and government of the United States. The narrative text is rich in descriptive detail, based on Nakasone's own experiences (he served as a Nisei in the U.S. Army's occupation forces in Japan at the end of the war), supplemented with extensive interviews with Nisei soldiers. In addition to offering the reader an informative Japanese-American perspective, Nakasone's essays also explore the Japanese perspectives on World War II not often available to an American reader. *The Nisei Soldier* is a very highly recommended addition to any personal, professional, academic, or community library World War II history collection.

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