

Learning from the Past – Building a Better Future

Want to read some good books to deepen your knowledge of U.S. History from an ethnic perspective? Want to learn about young adult books you can give children, youth and young adults? If so, please join us!



San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society's Book
Club/Discussion Group

In Collaboration with

The San Francisco Unified School District Office of Teaching and Learning: United
States History Reading Group

INVITES:

AAHCS Members, SFUSD History Teachers and Others

to meet together and discuss the following books:

April 24, 2008

4:15 – 6:15 PM

***Double Victory: A Multicultural History of America in
World War II*, by Ronald Takai**

Although the war was fought to protect democracy from fascism, America was tarnished by the racist treatment of Asians, Mexicans and African Americans and by the official coldness in the face of the Jewish Holocaust. Takai writes with undisguised passion and lets us hear again and again the eloquent voices of those who fought the double fight against the enemy abroad and injustice at home. (Adapted from Howard Zinn)

May 8, 2008

4:15 – 6:15 PM

***The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Story of the Largest Mass
Mutiny Trial in U.S. Naval History*, by Robert L. Allen**

More than a mutiny trial, the incident raises questions about the powers of the military, about the prosecution of civil disobedience, and about the rights of the individual. First published in 1989, *The Port Chicago Mutiny* is a thorough and riveting work of civil rights literature.... Adapted from the publisher's description

May 22, 2008

4:15 – 6:15 PM

***When the Emperor Was Divine*, by Julie Otsuka**

With crystalline intensity and precision, Otsuka uses a single family to evoke the deracination – both physical and emotional – of a generation of Japanese Americans. Julie Otsuka's commanding debut novel paints a portrait of Japanese internment camps unlike any we have ever seen. (Adapted from the front flap)

Where:

**African American Art and Culture Complex
762 Fulton Street (2nd Floor) San Francisco, California**

Refreshments will be served.

Coordinators: Pete Hammer, SFUSD and Fannie Preston, AAHCS

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