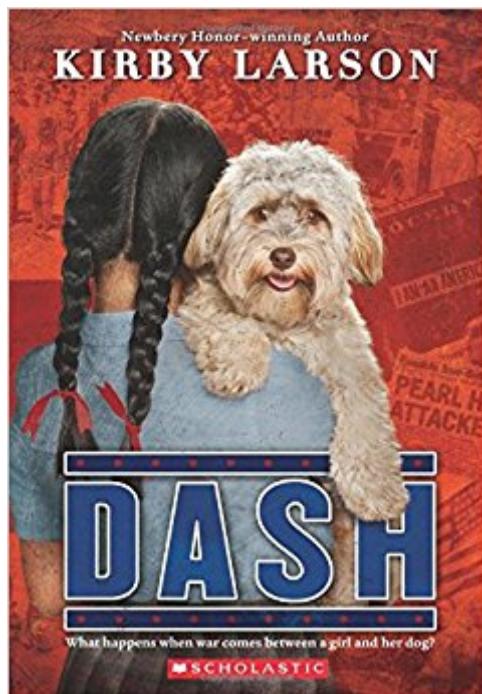


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# Dash (Dogs Of World War II)



## Synopsis

Although Mitsi Kashino and her family are swept up in the wave of anti-Japanese sentiment following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mitsi never expects to lose her home -- or her beloved dog, Dash. But, as World War II rages and people of Japanese descent are forced into incarceration camps, Mitsi is separated from Dash, her classmates, and life as she knows it. The camp is a crowded and unfamiliar place, whose dusty floors, seemingly endless lines, and barbed wire fences begin to unravel the strong Kashino family ties. With the help of a friendly neighbor back home, Mitsi remains connected to Dash in spite of the hard times, holding on to the hope that the war will end soon and life will return to normal. Though they've lost their home, will the Kashino family also lose their sense of family? And will Mitsi and Dash ever be reunited?

## Book Information

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Gr 3-6 "After Pearl Harbor, life changes for fifth grader Mitzi Kashino and her family, as it did for all Japanese American citizens across the US during that time. Family and friends are shunned, bullied, fingerprinted, and even incarcerated for visiting Japan. Relocation from Seattle, WA to Camp Harmony, and ultimately to Minidoka, ID, causes the loss of jobs, school, homes, cars, and personal possessions. Pets were not allowed in the camps, and this is where Mitzi's dog Dash

becomes the linchpin in Larson's story. Recognizing the injustice, neighbor Mrs. Bowker does not hesitate to foster Dash for the Kashino family, and she regularly sends letters "from" Dash to Mitzi. The other interned residents anticipate news from the dog, which effectively lifts spirits and encourages a sense of community. Although not as detailed as Winifred Conkling's *Sylvia and Aki* (Tricycle Press, 2011), both titles complement one another as fictionalized stories of actual events, and share the theme of courage and dignity in the face of injustice. Dash fills a niche between picture books like *The Bracelet* by Uchida Yoshiko (Penguin, 1993) and *Barbed Wire Baseball* by Marissa Moss (Abrams, 2013) and works for older audiences such as *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata (S. & S., 2006) and *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston (Houghton Mifflin, 1973). Larson's latest is historical fiction at its best.â "Sharon Lawler, Texas Bluebonnet Award Committee --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Kirby Larson does it again! Larson has the uncanny ability to find a fresh perspective on a well covered period of time. In her latest novel, Dash, Kirby Larson brings a new voice to the World War II discussion. A story often left untold in American history is that of the Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Larson introduces Mitsi Kashino and her family as they are caught up in the anti-Japanese sentiment that spread across the United States. As Mitsi returns to school after the New Year, she finds herself alone. Separated by her friends and classmates at school, Mitsi finds comfort in her dog Dash and an unlikely neighbor. Soon Mitsi and her family are forced into an incarceration camp. Leaving everything they owned behind, Mitsi is forced to leave Dash with her friendly neighbor. With the help of the neighbor and a surprise twist, Mitsi remains in contact with Dash. Even in the hardest of times, Dash's letters bring hope that the war will end and life can return to normal. This must read piece of historical fiction is sure to touch your heart. Dash will have you feeling outraged, grabbing a tissue, and reaching for the phone to call an old friend. Dash is a

perfect follow up to Duke (another great new perspective from WW II) and must read for students who love dogs and historical fiction.

Fantastic author. Can't go wrong with anything from Kirby Larson! My daughter loves animals, so I nabbed this for her. We have read other titles from Kirby Larson now and impressed with her writing. She weaves in historical facts so the reader doesn't even realize he/she is learning!

This is a beautiful story. It historically depicts the time period during World War II in the Pacific Northwest when the Japanese people were imprisoned in Internment camps. It is the story of one family and the little girl Mitsi. Prior to her going to the camp she becomes estranged from her friends and is unable to conduct her life as she remembers it. When it comes time to go to the camp she can not take her dog Dash. This part is so terrible, she can't find anyone to take him, but finally an older lady who she has befriended says she will take him for her. I have not finished the book yet, but I hope that she will be reunited with him at the end of the war.

I bought this for my son and decided to read it with him. It is a great book and teaches them about history and how to be good little citizens.

I would recommend this book to all who like reading about war dogs.read the next book of the series of war dogs.

Great book, easy read. Had hoped story would go further into the lives of the families.

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