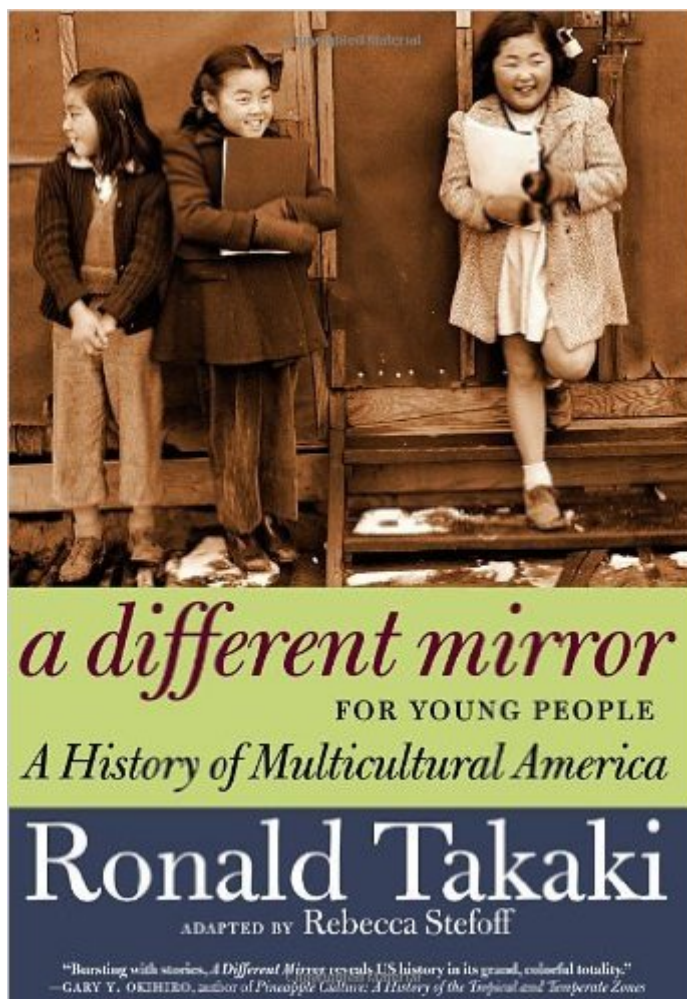


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# A Different Mirror For Young People: A History Of Multicultural America (For Young People Series)



## Synopsis

A longtime professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, Ronald Takaki was recognized as one of the foremost scholars of American ethnic history and diversity. When the first edition of *A Different Mirror* was published in 1993, *Publishers Weekly* called it "a brilliant revisionist history of America that is likely to become a classic of multicultural studies" and named it one of the ten best books of the year. Now Rebecca Stefoff, who adapted Howard Zinn's best-selling *A People's History of the United States* for younger readers, turns the updated 2008 edition of Takaki's multicultural masterwork into *A Different Mirror for Young People*. Drawing on Takaki's vast array of primary sources, and staying true to his own words whenever possible, *A Different Mirror for Young People* brings ethnic history alive through the words of people, including teenagers, who recorded their experiences in letters, diaries, and poems. Like Zinn's *A People's History*, Takaki's *A Different Mirror* offers a rich and rewarding "people's view" perspective on the American story.

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## Customer Reviews

Picked this up to use with my students, and though I haven't completed the book, I wanted to pop in and say that it was exactly what I was looking for--an alternate for often watered down or even inaccurate sources that are available in texts and materials prepared for young readers. The intro is probably too long and difficult for my readers, but provides great talking points for instructor. I plan on using this book to supplement and enrich our studies. I am sure it will promote discussion among

peers, and critical thinking for individuals. The authors have done the footwork to apply multicultural learning in the classroom, and that is a welcome resource for any classroom.

Glad to finally have a history collection I can use in my high school classroom with older students, many of whom are struggling readers. The chapters are more concise and syntax simplified, but the content is still rich and meaningful.

I rate Dr. Takaki's *A Different Mirror for Young People: A History of Multicultural History* as an outstanding contribution to making visible this country's contributions, disparities, sacrifices, inequities and resilience of its people of color that will soon be the majority minority of this nation.

Takaki provides a social studies and history book where educators obtain information to retool their teaching to be multiculturally sensitive as well as historically accurate. Takaki has made the stories of all groups of people who contributed to this country, or were overwhelmed by the social changes to be relevant.

Great delivery, fantastic book. I highly recommend reading it.

Useful learning tool for young Americans

If you are looking for non-fiction writings to enhance your social studies program, this one is for you! There are many stories to read that will hold your class's interest.

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