

THE PURPLE HEART

An Asian American Love Story



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STORYLINE

Aiko is a young Asian American woman, who is 4th generation Japanese American. There's a mysterious person in her life, her grandfather. But he died in World War II and she never knew more than that. Until one day, a clue appears. She follows this clue and discovers a family secret and defying her father's warnings, she learns of the amazing love story between her grandparents while they were interned during World War II. However, that love story turns to heartache as her grandparents are separated when the grandfather goes off to Europe to fight the Nazis. But as she follows the clue further, she discovers the truth about her grandfather and it changes hers and her family's life, forever.

AS REVIEWED ON
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"This is an amazing book to read for anyone interested in learning about the Asian American experience to those who are simply looking for an amazing love story - one that is real, ridiculously raw, and powerful." ~ Hana

"From the first page, I got lost in the mystery, the suspense and the enchanting love story. It was a page turner and it was hard to put the book down." ~ Linda C

"...this story is valuable because it sheds light on an aspect of (Asian) American history that isn't in most history books, and because it highlights the Asian American male perspective, which isn't seen much in mainstream American media." ~ AmazonC

WHY

To give voice to a generation of Japanese American men, who despite having their families, wives, and children imprisoned in the prison camps of World War II, answered the call to duty when this country asked them to fight in World War II and whose regiment, the 442nd, was awarded 9,486 Purple Hearts for their valor, courage and patriotism.

To portray Asian American men and women positively in story.

Lastly, to use the insightful dialogue within the story between the characters to help today's Asian Americans, understand what it means to be an Asian American and to be proud of their ethnicity.

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