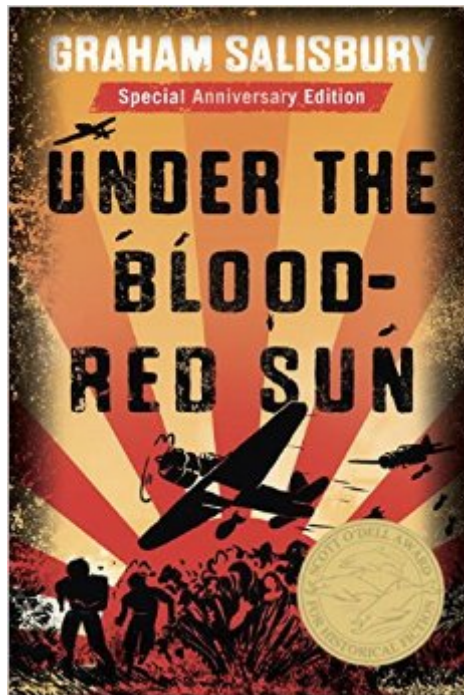


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Under The Blood-Red Sun (Prisoners Of The Empire)



Synopsis

Tomi was born in Hawaii. His grandfather and parents were born in Japan, and came to America to escape poverty. World War II seems far away from Tomi and his friends, who are too busy playing ball on their eighth-grade team, the Rats. But then Pearl Harbor is attacked by the Japanese, and the United States declares war on Japan. Japanese men are rounded up, and Tomi's father and grandfather are arrested. It's a terrifying time to be Japanese in America. But one thing doesn't change: the loyalty of Tomi's buddies, the Rats.

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Customer Reviews

A good book that I recently read is *Under the Blood Red Sun*. It is a realistic historical fiction book by Graham Salisbury. It takes place on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, before, during, and after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The story is told from the point-of-view of Tomikazu (Tomi), an innocent Japanese-American boy living near Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. Then Pearl Harbor is bombed. Tomi must deal with racism, bullies, and cruelty. Tomikazu is a friendly eighth-grade boy who likes to play baseball, and has consequently formed his own team, The Rats. He is loyal to his friends and will even face the crazy school bully, Keet Wilson, for them. Billy and The rats are Tomi's best friends, being eighth grade and avid fans of baseball like he is. Billy is the

friend that Tomi hangs out with the most. He is The Rat's star pitcher and is kind of shy. From the very beginning, even before Pearl Harbor was bombed, Keet Wilson, the local bully, is a problem. He is a spoiled brat who can take down even Billy's older brother, Jake. His extremely strict father is Tomi's family's landlord, so they cannot do anything to harm him. However, after the bombing, Keet takes being mean to a whole new level. Keet reports Tomi's father and grandfather to the police, falsely accusing them of being Japanese agents. He also tells the police anything Tomi's family does, exaggerating it so it sounds like they are Japanese supporters. He kills Tomi's father's prize racing pigeons, saying that they are messenger pigeons. He also breaks Tomi's family's clothesline and spoils their water supply. The book starts out several days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It encompasses some of The Rat's baseball games, and their friendship with another team.

Under The Blood Red Sun Have you ever wanted to read a book with lots of adventure, scary moments, and puzzling events? Well, then I guess Under The Blood Red Sun, by Graham Salisbury, is the right book for you. The protagonist of the story, Tomikazu, faces many challenges, including being discriminated for being Japanese. His family is also Japanese, and they also face many challenges. Will Tomikazu and his friends, the Rats, be able to help the town fight back against the Japanese who bombed Pearl Harbor? Find out as you read this fantastic book! An event in this novel that I really fancied was when Tomi, Billy, Papa, and Sanji went fishing in the beautiful and gleaming ocean. When everyone boarded the boat, Billy felt kind of nervous because he had never been on a boat before. However, when the boat arrived at their fishing spot, Billy felt pride instead of nervousness. After that, everyone went fishing, and their fishing poles were huge! Tomi, Papa, and Sanji were catching a lot of fish, but Billy hadn't caught any. Then, all of a sudden, Billy got a gigantic and powerful bite on his line, almost pulling his pole into the water. Will Billy ever catch the monstrous fish at the bottom of the ocean? Another event in the novel that I thought was really neat was when Tomi, Billy and the Rats played the Caaco Boys. The baseball game started out as a tie, 1-1 to be exact. Towards the end of the game, however, the Rats pulled ahead, making the game 3-1. After that, the Caaco Boys tied the game, and their star player hurt one of the Rats players. Who will win the continuous fight for being the team that wins? The last event in the story that explains the title is when the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.

Ok, but no real conclusion, like you need to get the next book. I'm 4th generation American of Japanese Ancestry. My great grandparents were the 1st generation and my grandparents were born in Hawaii as were my parents. Both were elementary students at the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

So they were in between Tomi's and Kimi's age. My paternal grandparents were cooks for the Cooke family. The Cookes were very good to my grandparents and to me as well. I remember Mr. Cooke well he is from what we used to call "The Big Five" had protected my grandparents during the WWII years. These Big Five had the clout to keep the FBI away. My maternal grandparents were painting contractors, and they were generally left alone. The only explanations were that the children (my parents) had to carry their gas masks. Other than that, it was fairly normal. None of my relatives were questioned much. When I was in high school, I had to interview one or two of my relatives, I chose my maternal grandmother and my maternal great grand mother. I need my grand mother to translate for me, because at that time my Japanese was non-existent (I'm now fluent after spending 20 years in Japan). I heard about some of the things in this book, but nothing like this happened to my family. Later it was found that there was an internment camp in Hawaii. It is being "restored" right now. My grandparents were too old to join the 442, my father was too young. My father enlisted for the Korean War. Theodor Roosevelt High School was a really great high school around Tomi's time, it was one of the first English standard schools in the U.S. You had to test to get in. (I did not go to Roosevelt, I went to a private school. A lot of this sounds like what happened to distant relatives who were in California and were interned at Manzanar.

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