Record Nr. UNINA9910793554903321 Autore Takezawa Yasuko I. <1957-> Titolo Breaking the silence: redress and Japanese American ethnicity / / Yasuko I. Takezawa Pubbl/distr/stampa Ithaca, New York; London:,: Cornell University Press,, [1995] ©1995 **ISBN** 0-8014-8181-3 1-5017-2021-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (259 pages) Collana Anthropology of contemporary issues Disciplina 305.8956073 Japanese Americans - Ethnic identity Soggetti Seattle (Wash.) Ethnic relations Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Front matter -- Contents -- Illustrations, Maps, Figure, and Tables --Nota di contenuto A Note to the Reader -- Preface -- 1. Introduction -- 2. The Redress Movement in Seattle -- 3. Nisei Experience -- 4. Sansei Experience --5. Redefining the Past and the Present -- 6. Transformation of Ethnicity -- Bibliography -- Index Sommario/riassunto This book is a unique interpretation of how wartime internment and the movement for redress affected Japanese Americans. Yasuko I. Takezawa, a Japanese national who has lived in the Japanese American community as well as in the larger American society, has a distinctive vantage point from which to assess the changing meaning of being a Japanese American. Takezawa focuses on the impact of two critical incidents in Japanese American history-the wartime evacuation and internment of more than a hundred thousand individuals and the redress campaign that resulted in an official apology and reparation payments from the U.S. government. Her book is a moving account filled with personal stories-both painful and joyous-told to her by Nisei

and Sansei (second- and third-generation) interviewees in Seattle. Covering the period before, during, and after World War II, Takezawa captures the internal struggles of the Japanese American community in seeking redress. She shows how its members have handled identity

crises caused by racial discrimination, evacuation and internment, and the long-prevalent American ideology of the melting pot. She is particularly skillful in comparing the differences between the generations as they sorted out their experiences and reconfirmed their ethnic identity through the redress movement.