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# Local Author Reveals History of Japanese in San Diego

**New book captures struggles and triumphs of the Japanese in historic photos**

With oral history interviews, archival photographs, and personal testimonies from the archive of the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, local author Susan Hasegawa brings alive here the story of *Japanese Americans in San Diego*. The new book boasts more than 200 vintage photographs from the past 100 years that Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants have called the San Diego area home.

*Japanese Americans in San Diego* focuses on the development and evolution of the Japanese American community in San Diego's South Bay including Chula Vista, National City, and Bonita, the city of San Diego, and Oceanside.

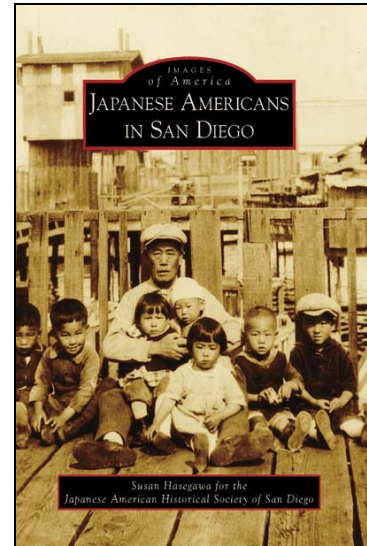
The book recalls the Japanese American families who started small truck farms in the first decades of the 20th century, developing techniques to improve crop production. These families survived the heartbreak of evacuation and incarceration during World War II in desert internment camps, San Diegans returned to rebuild a vibrant community after the war.

*The Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD) will receive the profits from book sales.*

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Susan Hasegawa is a professor of history at San Diego City College. The Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego is dedicated to the collection, identification, preservation, and display of materials related to the Japanese American experience in the San Diego region.

## ***Japanese Americans in San Diego***

by Susan Hasegawa and the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego  
*Images of America* Series  
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