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10 little dewdrop fairies  
are marching in a row  
with lanterns



going to paint the tree tops  
with their crystal snow

stepping in so softly  
on the tall green grass  
leaving silver footprints  
On tip toe they will pass.

~~With a~~

~~now across a garden web~~  
~~they leave 10 silver drops~~  
~~to give~~

The trees are swaying slowly  
Their leaves are bending low  
They're singing with the winter wind  
that song will bring the snow

They're waiting so patiently  
From the cold winds -

CHILD'S JOURNAL

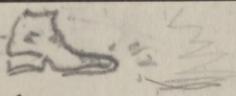
A Star came down' my window  
& sat upon the ledge  
It sparkled : it sparkled  
& cocked its shining head

Come & me it, whispered  
Out the cool dark rete  
Tis much more fun to say the star  
Than stay at home to

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Sea Shell



Sea shells on the slippery sand

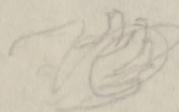
Beach a little blue sea.

I wonder where ~~but lovely from~~ <sup>such</sup> Texas have a hand  
or where <sup>such</sup> making you for me?

When we  
met we  
found  
Or were you once the sleeping roof  
of a tiny fairy's home  
Snuggled in a cozy nook  
Just like a little mouse?

Or did a little angel fair  
Mold you from the dew  
Then dip you in the sunset air  
Till you shone anew?

Sea shell on the slippery sand  
so pink & clean & cute  
I'll take a home tucked in my hand  
And look at you each time.



## Ideas for book

1. Bro. shaking Kaki down by hitting with stick.
2. Bro. lost? ~~wander~~ wander down  
narrow streets asking at various shops.
3. One Paper show man. (sup. story?) - child gets lost following him.
4. Circus - exam for school
5. Visitors from America (they) walk their room (pp.)
6. Child - of chauffeur to American?
7. Kites flying by river - stuck in roof - house
8. Boy drops envelope of money - end of year debt. - scared to go home.
9. Daka-cham - taking sheets to mother in hospital
10. Family opening circus (cake!) - & using jam  
on cream!
11. Ride in car for 1st time.
12. N.Y.C. - buy a kite (Y8) with money from parent.
13. Oshyuji lesson every Sat. morning?
14. Little bro. wondering which boat in river  
bro. + "onei-cham" from America -
15. Shopping at little stores - for Ebisu matsuri  
getting pancake.  n cotton candy -

Child keeps diary with pictures - go to  
visit a friend at Kyoto Hotel - plushness

Group sex is a pest - calls her baby - "amazuru"  
Child afraid of "Cannibal" cheat -  
Weird sound of Roba men

Teiden - when he's studying for exam -  
Echizen-maeji or Setsu-bun maeji etc.

- o - Kids pull bamboo stakes - make records, bars + arrows.  
dig out in lot by jinsha.
- o - Misnomer = mugi, rice, or potato (starch) cook like  
akai, add Koji (malted rice) - ~~then~~ boil, strain -  
takes 2 days - 1 jar = 4.00
- o - Kids tanoshima (Oreokku) ② undokai (spring)  
o - go home, dozaji, study (30 min - 2 hrs) Kawashibai  
just 5 dinners.

collects butterflies & bugs with big net P

(12) May 8-9 - "Big Cleaning" scheduled in his  
area - Mother takes out a mat / house,  
heat, dust -

(13) - Cut school for Aoi Matsuri May 15.  
Or to go to Goryo Matsuri May 18  
Omiyakko I came at 2:00 -  
Y. Sister dresses up in girl's clothes -  
ribbon in hair. At matsuri -  
Lured into circus - nothing inside -  
feel gypped -  
lose money at Spend all money  
at matsuri.

(14) - Boy - Seated in dark - or scared + some  
chae (?) room (?) - At end overcomes  
spins up.

(15). spill mother's <sup>new</sup> ~~way~~ way on way down?

gets new bike (¥20,000)  
on birthday - bonus gift?  
Hanabi from June - July on  
so seen ea - sparklers - curled one  
In evening - after yard sprinkles  
Share with friends -  
gets mad at sister?

o - Watch carpenters put up house - yard  
filled with shovels - eat Benji  
dog - Grand house.

Idea for book

- (1) - Boy spills ink on Tatami which has just been tho turned over!
- (2) goes to lumber yard to make seconds - bow & arrow -
- (3) - Boys also play hopscotch.
- (4) - Watch Kamo-Shibai after school - Buy candy for 41-5 medaka.
- (5) - Play by Kamo river - fish, drain
- (6) - Buy sweet imo on way home
- (7) - Climb trees -
- (8) Cleaning day at school - Check March 24<sup>th</sup>?

End of semester end - March -

Emerson - around Mar - April to Kara?

The Boy is the son of a potter. Works as father works at potter's wheel. Leaves to mix clay, paint glaze - ~~Cris~~ He breaks the precious pot father intended to exhibit in Kyoto City Art exhibit.

- (9) - Boys Day - Koi nobori up from around 4/27 / for ea. boy. eats kakinia-mochi + tall obashi - ) abans gohan
- (10) - 5/5 Sakyo-ku (or school) sponsors painting contest - goes to Shinsa-gami Jinja - Paint red Torii - Ero-taikai
- (11) - around May - catch "medaka" small fish in Kamo river. catch in Lanu.

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full length books easier to place than - sporadic  
stories -

### Children's Lists:

Getting books on good list most important -  
librarians, teachers, etc... choose from this list  
Regional & National list.

- \* 1- The Amer. Lib Assn List <sup>Basic</sup> - National list -  
A. N.Y. - Mrs. Sayres <sup>"Children's Books"</sup> N.Y. Preferred list -  
All regional lists merged in BASIC list
- 2- The Nat'l Council of English Teachers - Country -  
Teachers of  
Wide list - for diff. age groups. - 211 W. 68<sup>th</sup> St.  
graded - Sr. Hi - Jr. Hi. Chgo 21, Illinois
- 3. The Federal Listing - Children Bureau  
in Wash D.C. Fed'l Security Agency
- 4. The Child Study Ass'n List - Big and  
preferred list.
- 5- Books for Young People <sup>(year)</sup>, (Branch Library  
Book News) - by Mabel Williams -  
Selects her lists for pub. behav'l  
supplementary reading lists.

M. Wms: Chmn; Book Committee for Young People, The NY Public Library  
list printed annually - in Jan. no. of Branch Library Book News. The books on this list

on permanent exhibit at 58th St. Branch Library, 127 8. 58 A.M. -  
Branch Libs & News pub. monthly - Pub. by Pub. Co. - 5th & 42nd Sts. N.Y. 18-  
6 - Bureau for Intercultural Educ'n.

- 7- State Teachers College "Toward One World"  
Geneseo, N.Y. - under dir'n. C. E. Van Norman.  
8. H.W. Wilson & Co. Listing 950 Union Ave., N.Y. 50 N.Y.  
(They pub. monthly summary & annual Catalogues of Ch's Books)

Once books are on lists - there will be continual demands for them.

- 9- Treasures for the Darkling - Anne E. Eaton

Lyrical, simple, poetic.

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## The Story : - Definition

Essential element - conflict (inner or physical)

Theme - sh. be significant

Characterization - sound (person or thing should be real, grow - know person), consistent, growth.

Locale or setting - sh be real

Plot - sh. develop slowly with a good use of

suspense — continuity

Style - simplicity, appropriateness, consistency, richness of sensory detail -

Dialogue - must be life-like -

Content - as varied as are the experience of life or interests of children.

Emotion - should be cumulative - (build up) from within, material should not be artificially forced.

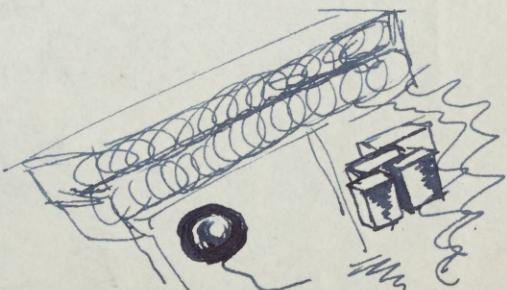
inner integrity - genuine relationships  
to life - universal  
truth (e.g. - life is like  
this - give ch. real  
feeling of life - a true  
perception of life.)

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Dialogue : a - carries story forward  
b - breaks - gives variety  
c - charac. of person revealed  
d - easier reading for ch -  
e -

The Writing-fiction - by - Edith Wharton

Save dialogue for moments of crisis -  
Don't over-do on unimportant elements



RhoBo. met 10 - Cons. new Bk.

- Early Bks were about Japan  
    Japanese folk tales - ✓ to share stories  
    + ideas.
- Japanese children q.p. - not as stereotypes  
    but as real people - with similar  
    hopes - fears - joys.

→ But as young 3rd gen Japanese Auss. began to  
    grow up - they wanted to know their past.  
    I wanted them to have <sup>own & acc</sup> bks that would give  
    them a sense of continuity of past.

I never had such bks, & child.

Samurai - about 1st colonists

→ J.H.T. + J.H. - based on my experi.  
    during WWII - over 80% of interred  
    120,000 W.C. J.A. - or trial or hearings  
    imprisoned behind barbed wire.

- why did Santa & bks -

so it will never happen again  
J.Y.P. + be vigilant, watchful.

New Bks - Invisible Thread

Celebrate to celebrate our  
    Common Specie  
    Humanity

## Tell us about childhood

- Born in Alameda Ca.
- Had 1 sister - 4 yrs older -
  - She & she was as mean + horsey -
  - "All right for you" - never sure I meant
  - Terrible fits - chased me & bathe me
  - I & live & P.
- now <sup>my</sup> best friend

## Sister & I had ~~at~~ one thing in common -

Both Nisei - 2nd gen Japanese Am.

- There was much discrimination in Calif.
- always felt different, not as good as wh. Bros.
- One met <sup>woman</sup> "my wife Engl so beautifully" saw only my face -- Don't cut Japanese Hair?  
Can we swim - spouse?

There are 7 feelings Neighbors object

Rules has in her Dreams -  
she feels inferior, diff. Aunt Waka come  
from Japan helps her to be proud & pass - i  
A Japanese. - To show to me - his BBH & HE

Issei: <sup>sense</sup> strength + purpose + hope + aspiration - life -  
values still up to today.

## Books + Writing always imp + to us

M. <sup>Their</sup> always read to us as a rule.

She was a poet, she also kept diary

She was my role model -

By 11/10, I was writing stories on  
brown wrapping paper - show obs.

- also kept ~~dear~~ journal + kept +  
events -

## WRITING A BOOKS

Host Park (2)  
S. Rafael

1. Idea - from all around us.  
*sun/good* ROOSTER - Issei woman, planted veg. - wanted to make her int'g FREE, NOT a Stereotype.
2. RESEARCH: SAMURAI = what kind of ship, how travel, what was land like? trees? plants?  
Important to have facts true, even for fiction.
3. 1st DRAFT - put away - go back
4. Rewrite many times, 7 - 8?  
What am I trying to do?  
figuring up story not what it is trying to say  
not int'l & in cliches - more int in it was nite + Tom went to bed.
- (prac. empathy) Right WORDS: avoid cliches "black as coal, or nite"  
"black as inside of witch's hat"  
Use all the senses.
5. MSS. to publisher - suggestions
6. Printer - galleys  
page proofs
7. Illustrator - photostats  
mistakes
8. Jacket

NEED FOR SELF DISCIPLINE

- Library - little girl
- Born Alameda
- Sister - 4 yrs older.  
hairbrush, fall out
- In common → NISEI  
Issei ek.
- Growing up → Melting Pt

- felt different discrimination.  
questions about rent house  
cut Japanese hair
- Rinks - same feelings  
JAR → BBT.  
can we  
rent house?  
hair cut  
call

Carol  
Alma

2 Books about  
Important Event in my life

- what happened ~~to~~ Dec 7'41?
- Many yrs of anti-Asian feelings.
- President → Order  
120,000 J. uprooted  
imprisoned  
2/3 Am. citizens -
- South Tarifan - horse stalls.  
Topaz - dust storms
- Barbed wire. Guard towers

Why put away?

Why rewrite -

- better story
- tighten
- characters - more real
- works - story of Tom

Why did I write  
these books?

Lost → freedom

5<sup>th</sup> + 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments

- Idea
- Research
- 1st draft -
- Put aside

- Eureka 10/81
- Girl who tho'st all authors dead
  - Tell re self - ans ?'
  - Born Alameda - 1 sister - 4 yrs older -  
got frds now - but then boosy, ~~she~~ fights, chased  
hair brush, "all rite n."
  - One thing we had in common - both NISEI -  
Issei, Nisei, Sansei - "meeting pt" <sup>"citizen</sup> ~~am~~  
~~not am.~~
  - Growing up as Nisei in Calif. was hard - lots of <sup>"citizen</sup> ~~not am.~~  
discrimination, felt I wasn't as sd as white Americans,  
felt different, left out. — Places we came & so.  
Call G.P. re 1st haircut - shamed of who I was.  
lived below certain street.
  - There are feeling Books like in a jar of dreams book,  
not my story, but some of my feelings - Story of  
how Aunt from Japan comes, changes life of  
her family. How she helps them thru' <sup>fudimentary</sup> time.  
~~BOJ - people~~ At every on-methane <sup>→ strong dangerous</sup> →  
photo of you @ 10-11, begin writing then - show BK
  - Early Bks were about Japan - Japanese folk tales  
MLC, sea & gold
  - As young Asians wanted stories of own past  
wrote about Japan. Ans.  
Samurai, Ypres Hill - 1st colonists
  - 2 other about important event in my life.  
What happened Dec 7, 1941? Father turned on J.A.,  
Many yrs of hatred - discrimination ag. ~~Asian~~ Asians  
in Calif. Lots of people who wanted us out - These  
rackets, newspapers, etc drummed up hate.  
120,000 J. forced to leave homes - sent to  
con. camp. Lived in horse stall, 6 mos. - Horse  
Topes - don't camp - JKT, J.H.
  - Why did I write these bks?hort  $\rightarrow$  freedom  
our country imprisoned us, its citizens
  - Pic also - about J.Ams. - poster
- Now I write bks. ① IDEA, ② RESEARCH.  
③ - 1ST DRAFT - Put away - Rewrite -

[Now]

- Young Asians -

want books from history.

- Proud of who we are

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SGA - Th T

rescue - Reperhael

- 1st Book - 10 yrs old

~~Early~~ Books about Japan

- Folk Tales