



HARD TIMES AND THE HOME FRONT - Booklist

These books explore some of the places, experiences, and people of the Great Depression and the home front during World War II.

Woody Guthrie, Poet of the People, by Bonnie Christensen

Pre-K – Grade 4.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C2081913>

“Woody Guthrie spent his life putting into words and music what the rest of America was thinking. He roamed from coast to coast and captured the despair of those displaced by the Great Depression and the dust bowl, eulogized workers, and celebrated the great natural beauty of America.”

The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America, by Kathleen Krull

Grades 1 – 4.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1664777>

“A biography of Frances Perkins, the first female member of the presidential cabinet, and architect of much of the New Deal legislation as Secretary of Labor.”

A River Lost, by Lynn Bragg

2nd grade and up.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C3445092>

“The story of how the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam led to the destruction of a way of life for members of the Arrow Lakes Tribe. Sinee and her great-grandmother Toopa tell the engaging story of life on the Columbia River, before and after the dam.”

Nim and the War Effort, by Milly Lee

Grades 2 – 4.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C1752842>

“Nim, the protagonist in this sweetly nostalgic trip to San Francisco's Chinatown of 1943, wants desperately to bring in the most newspapers for her school's paper drive-especially after a classmate takes papers that were meant for her.”

Dorothea's Eyes: Dorothea Lange Photographs the Truth, by Barb Rosenstock

Grades 3 – 7.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1555075>

“In this powerful and inspiring book, Barb Rosenstock and Gérard DuBois reveal the story of [Dorothea Lange's] remarkable life and illuminate how her photographs continue to tell the world the truth.”