

# Yoshiko Uchida

## So It Won't Happen Again

**Yoshiko Uchida** (1921–1992) was in her last year of college when the United States entered World War II. Like most other people of Japanese descent on the West Coast, Uchida and her family were uprooted by the government and forced to go to an internment camp. She and her family lived at Tanforan Racetrack in horse stall 40, answering to Family Number 13453 instead of their own name. Uchida later gave the same family number and “address” to the fictional family in her short story “The Bracelet.” Uchida said that in writing about the internment camps, she tried to give readers a sense of the courage and strength that enabled most Japanese Americans to endure this tragedy.

There was another reason that she wrote about the camps: