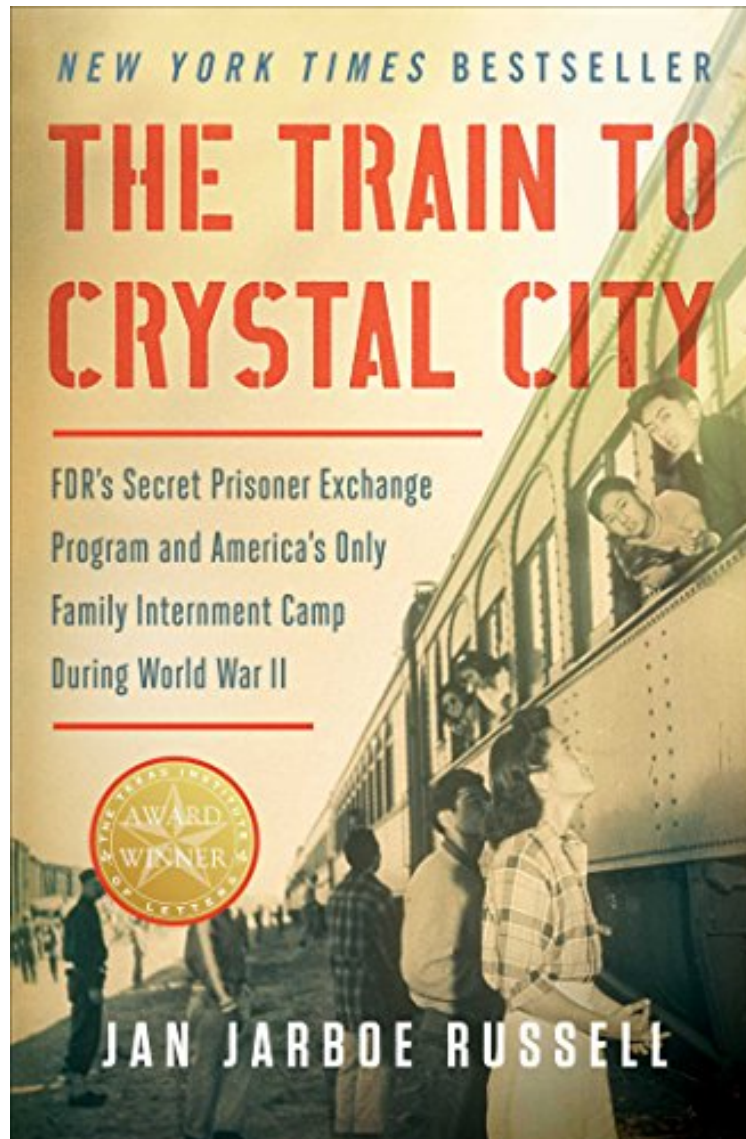


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Only Family Internment Camp During World War II:

71 of 73 people found the following review helpful. *The Train to Crystal City: A Journey's End* By Paul HosseI just recently got the opportunity to preview a upcoming release, "The Train to Crystal City" by Jan Jarboe Russell. This is the untold story of not just Japanese-Americans held in US concentration camps during WWII, but the largely unknown story of German-Americans and Italian-Americans as well, many of whom had lived in the US for years but were stripped of the US citizenship and imprisoned. In addition, this story reveals how the American born spouses and their children were also incarcerated as well. That would be story enough, but there's more."The Train to Crystal City" also details a secret prisoner exchange designed and approved by FDR whereby these now former Americans were sent to enemy combatant countries along with their spouses and children, often against their will in exchange for key individuals being held behind enemy lines, including downed airmen and US businessmen. The story details how the US military kidnapped foreign nationals---German-Mexicans or Peruvian-Japanese along with their families, with the aid of their respective governments, who then shipped to the US to be held at potential exchanges in this very same internment camp. In exchange for their support, these governments freely confiscated the businesses, homes, and assets of these individuals. Unable to return home and not wanting to be deported to war torn countries they barely knew, if at all, this is a gripping book. I urge everyone to read it.13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Remarks by one interned in Crystal City as a DANGEROUS ALIEN ENEMYBy Eberhard E. FuhrThe Author clearly did her research, as I was one of those interned in Crystal City Internment compound for 5 years. Her footnote references prove decisive in objectively discussing the ramifications and at times the sheer terror of internment. The deliberate, even purposeful, denial of the rights accorded in our Constitution, and the violations of the protections accorded by the Geneva Conventions are delineated by this historic book. That it is also an easy read makes it even more remarkable.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Overlooked Part of History*By Kindle CustomerThis is a fascinating, overlooked time in history. Everyone knows about concentration camps and many know the atrocities in Europe and Japan at this time but very few know the depth of America's mistakes. Very well written and informative.

The New York Times bestselling dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II: "A must-read....*The Train to Crystal City* is compelling, thought-provoking, and impossible to put down" (Star-Tribune, Minneapolis).During World War II, trains delivered thousands of civilians from the United States and Latin America to Crystal City, Texas. The trains carried Japanese, German, and Italian immigrants and their American-born children. The only family internment camp during the war, Crystal City was the center of a government prisoner exchange program called "quiet passage." Hundreds of prisoners in Crystal City were exchanged for other more ostensibly important Americans—diplomats, businessmen, soldiers, and missionaries—behind enemy lines in Japan and Germany. "In this quietly moving book" (The Boston Globe), Jan Jarboe Russell focuses on two American-born teenage girls, uncovering the details of their years spent in the camp; the struggles of their fathers; their families' subsequent journeys to war-devastated Germany and Japan; and their years-long attempt to survive and return to the United States, transformed from incarcerated enemies to American loyalists. Their stories of day-to-day life at the camp, from the ten-foot high security fence to the armed guards, daily roll call, and censored mail, have never been told. Combining big-picture World War II history with a little-known event in American history, *The Train to Crystal City* reveals the war-time hysteria against the Japanese and Germans in America, the secrets of FDR's tactics to rescue high-profile POWs in Germany and Japan, and above all, "is about identity, allegiance, and home, and the difficulty of determining the loyalties that lie in individual human hearts" (Texas Observer).