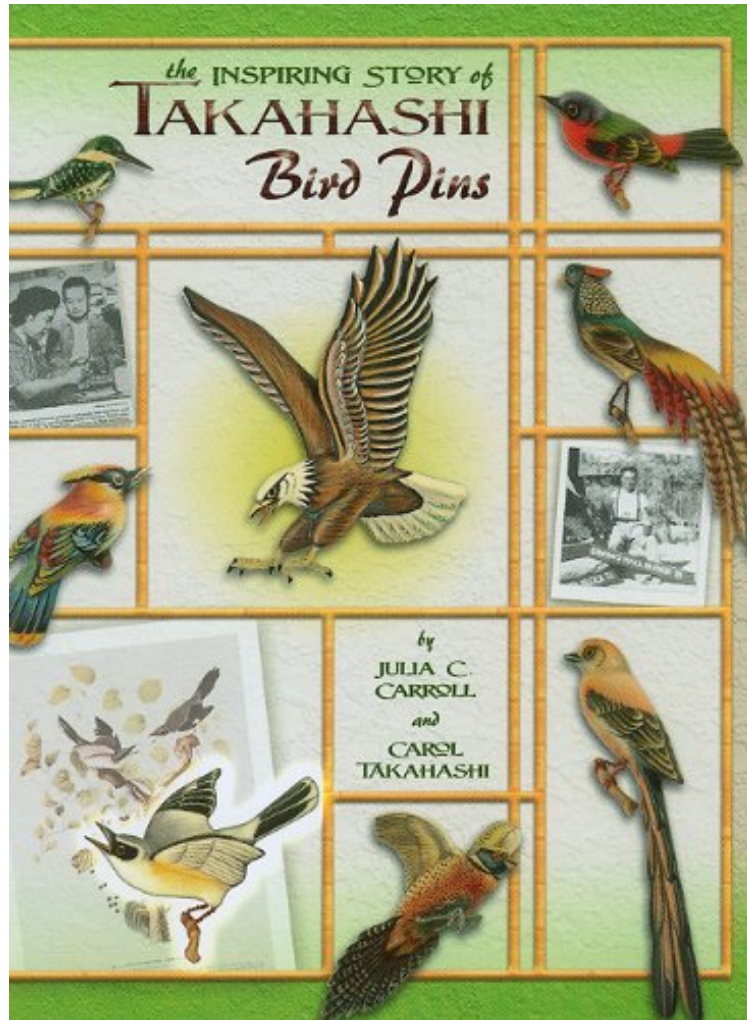


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**Julia C. Carroll, Carol Takahashi : The Inspiring Story of Takahashi Bird Pins** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Inspiring Story of Takahashi Bird Pins:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. TRULY CAPTIVATING!By Deborah J. ReeceThis is such an amazing book! Like Julia's other jewelry books, she completely captivates you with hundreds of gorgeous photos, history and complete detail of how these little bird pins were made. I was not able to put the book down - the birds appear to "fly" off the pages, the close-up photos of the detail descriptions kept you wanting to read more more, and the history of how the Takahashis mastered this craft during their time in the internet camp was really fascinating. I enjoyed the stories of people that knew the Takahashis also loved seeing their personal collections. I have collected some of these amazing pins over the years and know how beautiful they really are. If you are a bird lover or a jewelry collector, you will love this book!5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Insider information and detailsBy

CatloverIt was helpful to learn about the making/evolution of these historic pins. The family's commitment to quality and their ability to make a living from what was a "hobby" (or perhaps a refuge from boredom and frustration in their camp life) was inspiring.I have a small collection of pins and was anxious to check their authenticity and value. This book gave me that information. The color photos are truly lovely!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very nice bookBy Catherine MastrangeloBought this book for my sister who collects thousands of buttons, and bird pins. She was very happy with this purchase.

After Pearl Harbor, Japanese-Americans Yoneguma and Kiyoka Takahashi and their three young sons were incarcerated at the Poston III internment camp for three and a half years. While there, the Takahashis participated in a bird carving class where they learned the art of carving and painting bird pins using meager materials scrounged from scraps left-over wood that was used to build the camp. From the beginning, the couple excelled at the craft. Upon their release, unable to find work due to the continuing xenophobic attitudes against those of Japanese ancestry, the Takahashis started a home-based business making and selling handcrafted bird pins. For 40 years the Takahashis perfected their craft. Immediately popular, the couple sold every bird pin they made, earning enough income to purchase their own home, pay for their healthcare, save for a comfortable retirement, and send all of their children to college. This book is a celebration of their lives, their legacy, their art. Lushly illustrated with 400 color photographs of rare bird pins, the pages of this book recount in detail the inspiring story of the Takahashi family. For collectors who appreciate the artistic value of the birds, specifics of the bird pins are carefully cataloged including size, signature, date, species, and value.

About the AuthorJulia Carroll has been collecting costume jewelry for over 12 years. She taught computer science for many years, and at that time very few published materials were available to teach young children, so she frequently wrote her own lessons. She used this skill in trying to teach others about collecting costume jewelry.