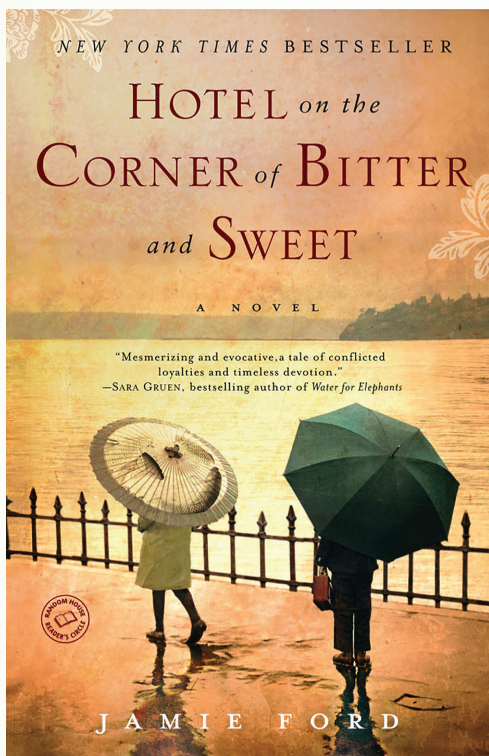


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# Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

## One Book, One Community - 2018 Selection

In the opening pages of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, fictional protagonist, Henry Lee, comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. The new owner has made an amazing discovery of personal items belonging to families who were sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol. This action takes Henry back 40 years to the height of the war when young Henry's life was filled with confusion. Henry is convinced that the parasol belongs to Keiko, his childhood friend. The novel continues and readers explore the friendship of Keiko and Henry and their extraordinary story of commitment and hope set in one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history.

### About Jamie Ford

Jamie Ford is the great grandson of a Nevada mining pioneer, Min Chung, who emigrated from Kaiping, China to San Francisco in 1865, where he adopted the name, "Ford", thus confusing future generations. Ford grew up in Seattle near Chinatown but now resides in Montana. His debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, was published in 2009 and became an international bestseller that has been translated in to 34 languages. In 2010, Ford received the Asian/Pacific Award for Literature.

### What is One Book, One Community? (OBOC)

Each year, the One Book, One Community of Monroe County selection committee chooses a readily available and discussable book written by a major author. Monroe County residents are invited to read the same book and discuss it through a series of free programs each spring. OBOC events feature book discussions and free, county-wide community activities related to the themes raised by provocative and inspiring stories.

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