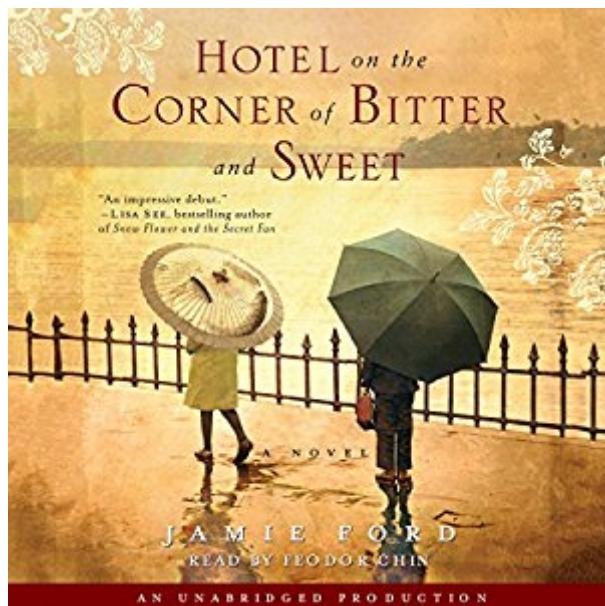


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Hotel On The Corner Of Bitter And Sweet: A Novel



Synopsis

In 1986, the belongings of Japanese families who were sent to internment camps in the US were discovered in the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. Henry, a Chinese American, remembers a young Japanese American girl with whom he forged a bond of friendship as a youth, and so he embarks on a journey of self-discovery. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This was a good change in local for me to read, as I usually concentrate my historical fiction reading upon Europe, Germany, Poland, England. It was also particularly relevant for this particular time in our US history as we struggle to deal with how we treat immigrants. Regardless of where you stand upon the US immigration issues, this may help to clarify your thinking.

An enjoyable read but a little too pat and predictable- the evil school bullies, the stern father, the troubadour with a heart of gold, the grizzled school cook. Still, its hard not to like Henry and the plot has some satisfying surprises.

I especially like a good story with believable characters and situations in a historical setting. This one was exceptional and very well done. Makes me want to visit Seattle again.

I had picked up this book, initially thinking it would be a half-baked love story with unrelated characters and a tepid plot --Boy was I wrong. And boy am I glad I read it. My hat's off to you Mr. Ford. Sweet, endearing, heartwarming, and at times, purposely infuriating, the book is a tragic romance set in 1940s Seattle. I was initially a little skeptical of how a love story between a 12-13 year old boy and his childhood sweetheart would work without coming across as shallow puppy love, but Jamie Ford turns the genre on its head and sells it DAMN WELL. Henry is eminently likable, and the steps he takes to win Keiko over are heartrending and touching. Ford really captures the essence of racial tensions of the time, as well as evoking the classic Romeo & Juliet tension of "my parents hate my girlfriend" mentality that any generation can relate to. It really speaks well of the author that he can evoke such strong emotions even if you ALREADY know the ending, as I had read a review prior to purchase. In the final act, you can really feel the heartache, longing, and desperation of the long-awaited reunion at the end that literally left me breathless, hoping for the desperate fulfillment of those years of waiting. Ã¢ÂœOai deki te ureshii desuÃ¢Â•

This novel was recommended as a book similar to my prequel, Ten Yen. I am honored to be compared favorably. Main similarity is historical exploration of culture from the perspective of Japanese in aftermath of WW II in Japan. And a love story. What I most enjoyed in Hotel on Corner was the exploration of the difficulty for non-nationals to adjust to life in a foreign land. Born in England, I came to US when I was 18. Not at all the hardship of being Asian, not knowing the language, and yet we of two countries are hybrids, so I greatly appreciated this accurate historical novel about a Chinese American and a Japanese American during WW II. If you are a transplanted person, you'll enjoy the struggle of first generation Americans. This is a book well worth reading. I enjoyed it so much, I am now reading his next novel.

What a great love story! Was hard to put down! Loved the Characters. I Love Historic Fiction. I like how the story went back in time then to present !! I found it very interesting. I highly recommend this book! A beautiful story of never giving up and finding your old love.

I really enjoyed this book. Interesting story of Japanese internment during WWII. Main characters go from teenagers to elderly. Life is "bitter and sweet."

The book is an amazing journey for the main character Henry. It gets sad at parts, in a happy way. A masterful piece of writing that should be revered. Such great insight this book has given me. And

how much I have found out I can relate to it. The sad story that's happy.

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