

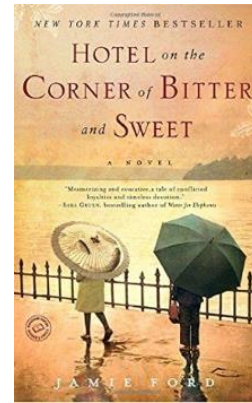
# English 9 Summer Assignment:

## *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

**Description:** Set in Seattle, this novel examines love and loyalties as well as family and forgiveness through the recollections of Henry.

As high-school level readers, you will be interacting with your text in a way that goes beyond just reading the story. When we meet as a class in the fall, you will be discussing your observations about the author's choices and writing about your reactions to the text as well.

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**Directions for notes:** As you read *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, make light pencil marks in the margins or use sticky notes to flag the passages that you think are the most momentous and revealing about the two main characters: Henry Lee and Keiko Okabe. For each of the characters (or pairs) listed below, choose at least 2 passages that highlight their relationships.

- Mr. Lee
- Mrs. Lee
- Mr. and Mrs. Okabe
- Ethel Lee
- Marty Lee
- Sheldon Thomas
- Mrs. Beatty
- Chaz Preston
- Samantha

Optional reading: If you'd like to read an additional independent book this summer, you may choose to read one of the following texts as well (this is optional!). Similar to *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, each of these works address themes of family and belonging amidst discrimination and other challenges.

*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

*The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

*Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly (nonfiction)

*All But My Life* by Gerda Weissman Klein (nonfiction)

We think all of these books provide fodder for discussion at school, at home, and in your communities. Happy summer and happy reading! We look forward to meeting with you soon!  
--The English 9 Team