

# Paso Robles Library Book Club

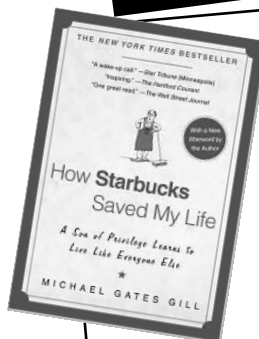
**Thursday, February 18**  
**Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet by Jamie Ford**



This is a story of the World War II Japanese internment camps, but it is also the story of two friends torn apart by war and racism. Henry and Keiko are two 12-year-olds who become friends, sharing their awkward place as the only non-whites to attend their school in Seattle during World War II. As they deal with the racism of those in their school and town, they also face racism in the Asian community: Henry is Chinese and Keiko is Japanese. This is also the story of fathers and sons; Henry's difficult relationship with his own father and, in the present day, his relationship with his son. Come along a cheer for Henry and Keiko as they face the joy and sorrow of growing up during difficult times.

**Thursday, March 18**

**How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill**



Down on his luck and just diagnosed with a brain tumor, 63-year-old Gill needs to find employment that offers health insurance and find it now. He ends up working for coffee mega-giant Starbucks. This is the true story of how this Yale grad found happiness as a barista, learning about race relations, younger generations, and the joys of labor as he gets his values and priorities in line, recovering from the loss of his high-powered executive job and failed marriage.

**Thursday, April 15**  
**Tortilla Curtain by T. C. Boyle**



This novel establishes the opposing lifestyles of two family groups, the Rincons, Candido and America, illegal aliens hanging on to their makeshift lives as best they can, and their neighbors, wealthy Americans Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher. Although the Rincons struggle to make ends meet, they lead much fuller lives full of passion and endurance as compared with the materialistic Mossbachers. A car accident brings the two families together in this realistic story of immigration, unemployment, discrimination, and social responsibility.

Call Karen at 237-3871 for more information

7:00-9:00 p.m./Library Story Hour Room