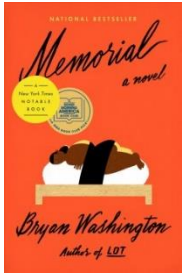




# Community Raving About Books (C.R.A.B.) Book Club Guide



## **Memorial by Bryan Washington**

Riverhead Books, 2020; 384 pages/audio 8 hours 24 minutes

“A subtle and moving exploration of love, family, race, and the long, frustrating search for home.”

—Kirkus Reviews, 7/15/2020

### **Summary**

Japanese American chef Mike and Black daycare teacher Benson begin reevaluating their stale relationship after Mike departs for Japan to visit his dying father and Benson is suddenly stuck with his visiting mother-in-law, who becomes an unconventional roommate.

### **Author Information**

Bryan Washington is a National Book Award 5 Under 35 honoree and winner of the Dylan Thomas Prize and the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. He received the New York Public Library Young Lions Fiction Award for his first book, *Lot*, which was also a finalist for the NBCC's John Leonard Prize, the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize, and the Aspen Words Literary Prize.

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*Less* by Andrew Sean Greer

*Lot: Stories* by Bryan Washington

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