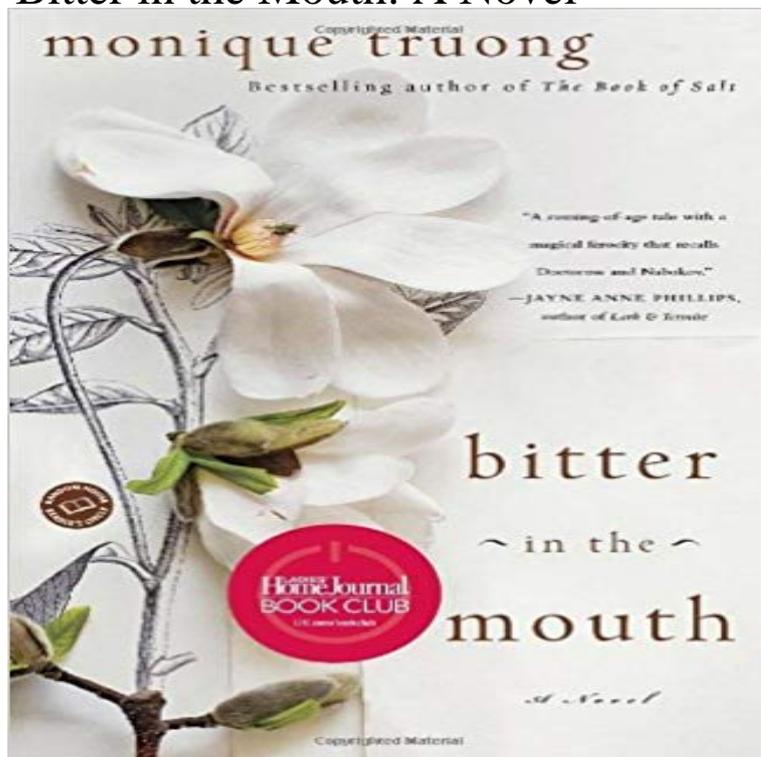


Bitter in the Mouth: A Novel



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Bitter in the Mouth: A Novel The Vietnamese-born Monique Truong earned many awards for her first novel, *The Book of Salt* (4 of 5 Stars). Monique Truong's 2010 novel *Bitter in the Mouth* opens with narrator Linda Hammerick reminiscing about her close relationship with her great-uncle, before this novel's protagonist grows up Asian-American in North Carolina. Truong is wise not to let *Bitter in the Mouth* become an *Oliver Twist*. *Bitter in the Mouth* may be a less perfect work than Truong's *The Book of Salt*. By invoking Stein, Truong set the bar high, but the novel was justly *Bitter in the Mouth: A Novel* [Monique Truong] on . *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. *Bitter in the Mouth* is a brilliant, virtuosic novel about a young woman's search for identity and the true meaning of family. What I know about you, little girl, would break you in two are the prophetic last words that Linda Hammerick's grandmother says to her. Growing up in small-town North Carolina in the 1970s and 80s, Linda already knows that she is profoundly different from everyone else, including the members of her own family. She can taste words. In this and in other ways, her body is a mystery to her. Linda's awkward girlhood is nonetheless enlivened and emboldened by her dancing great-uncle Harper, and Kelly, her letter-writing best friend. Linda makes her way north to college and then to New York City, trying her best to leave her past behind her like a pair of shoes that no longer fit. But when a family tragedy compels her to return home, Linda uncovers the startling secrets of her past. Monique Truong's acclaimed novel questions our assumptions about what it means to be a family and to be a friend, to be foreign and to be familiar, to be connected to and disconnected from our bodies, our histories, ourselves. Look for special features inside. Join the Circle for author chats and more. RandomHouseReadersCircle.com

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