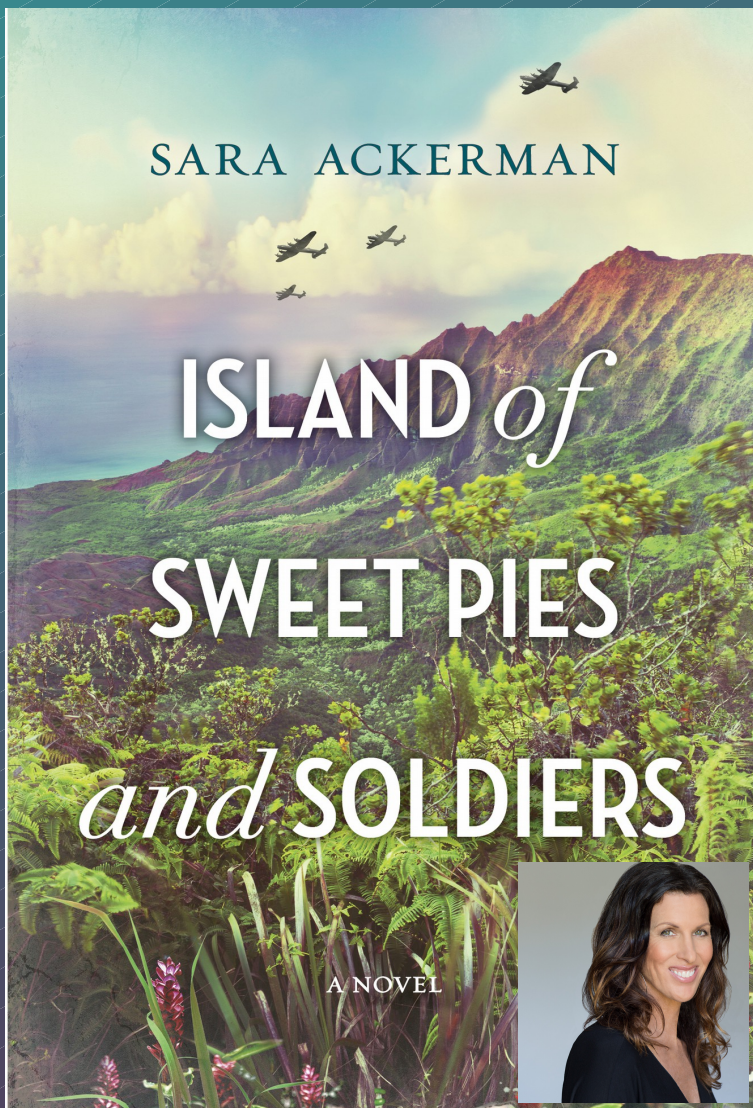


# Read for Peace

Join Friends of the Honoka'a Library for an interactive, informal conversation about *Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers* by Hawai'i Island author Sara Ackerman.

**Based on true stories of Honoka'a during WWII**

Thursday, September 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Honoka'a Library ~ FREE and all are welcome!



As a child, Big Island author Sara Ackerman was fascinated by her grandmother's stories of the marines who occupied Honoka'a School during WWII. It was a dark, frightening time, made a little lighter by welcoming strangers, homemade pies for sale, and a lion named Roscoe. Inspired, Sara created a compelling novel with vivid characters and warmly familiar settings.

From Amazon: "Violet Iverson and her young daughter, Ella, are piecing their lives together one year after the disappearance of her husband. As rumors swirl and questions about his loyalties surface, Violet believes Ella knows something. But Ella is stubbornly silent. Something—or someone—has scared her. And with the island overrun by troops training for a secret mission, tension and suspicion between neighbors is rising."

*Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers* touches on the human side of wartime, and the endurance of friendship, and of hope.

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