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Resources and Chapter Guide for “Contextualizing Min Jin Lee’s Pachinko” By Todd Munson

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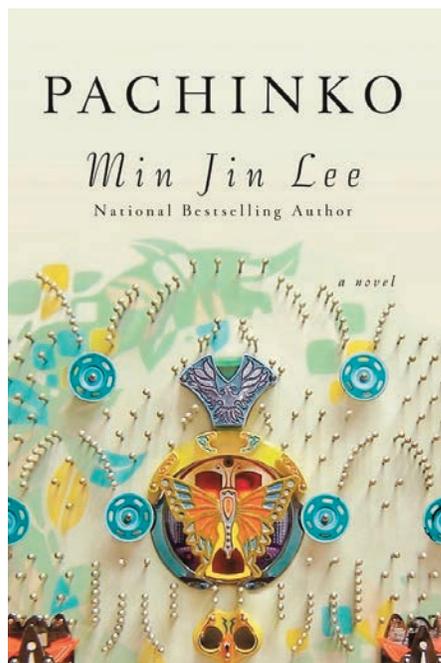
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***Pachinko* Chapter Guide (New entries appear in bold the first time they appear)**

	Year	Main Characters	Minor Characters	Location
1:1	1910s	Hoonie, Yangjin, Sunja	Matchmaker	Yeongdo (Korea)
1:2	1932 (Nov.)	Yangjin, Sunja, Isak	Chung brothers, Bokhee, Dokhee	Yeongdo
1:3	1932	Yangjin, Sunja, Isak	Chung brothers, Bokhee, Dokhee	Yeongdo
1:4	1932	Koh Hansu , Sunja	Chung brothers	Yeongdo
1:5	1932	Koh Hansu, Sunja		Yeongdo
1:6	1932	Koh Hansu, Sunja		Yeongdo
1:7	1933 (Feb.)	Isak, Yangjin	Chu (pharmacist)	Yeongdo
1:8	1933	Isak	Jun, Pastor Shin, Chung bros, Dokhee, Bokhee	Yeongdo, Busan (Korea)
1:9	1933	Sunja, Isak, Yangjin		Yeongdo
1:10	1933	Sunja, Isak, Yangjin	Pastor Shin, Cho (rice seller)	Busan (Korea)
1:11	1933	Sunja, Isak, Yangjin	Chung brothers, Dokhee, Bokhee	Yeongdo / Busan
1:12	1933 (Apr.)	Sunja, Isak, Yoseb, Kyunghee		Osaka (Japan)
1:13	1933	Sunja, Isak, Yoseb, Kyunghee		Osaka
1:14	1933	Isak	Pastor Yoo, Hu	Osaka
1:15	1933 (summer)	Sunja, Kyunghee	Tanaka (butcher)	Osaka
1:16	1933	Sunja, Kyunghee	enforcers, pawnbrokers, moneylender	Osaka
1:17	1933	Sunja, Isak, Yoseb, Kyunghee, Noa	Sister Okja (midwife)	Osaka

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2:1	1939	Sunja, Yoseb, Kyunghee, Noa, Mozasu	police officer	Osaka
2:2	1939 or 1940	Sunja, Kyunghee, Noa, Mozasu	Kim Changho	Osaka
2:3	1940 (Apr.)	Sunja, Kyunghee, Noa, Mozasu, Joseb, Kim Changho		Osaka
2:4	1942 (May)	Isak, Sunja, Kyunghee, Yoseb, Noa, Mozasu	Shimamura (factory owner)	Osaka
2:5	1942	Isak, Sunja, Kyunghee, Yoseb, Noa, Mozasu		Osaka
2:6	1944 (Dec.)	Sunja, Kyunghee, Kim Changho, Koh Hansu		Osaka
2:7	1945	Sunja, Kyunghee, Noa, Mozasu, Koh Hansu, Yangjin	Tamaguchi (farmer), Kyoko (his wife)	Tamaguchi farm
2:8	1945	Sunja, Kyunghee, Noa, Mozasu, Koh Hansu, Kim Changho, Joseb		Tamaguchi farm
2:9	1949	Koh Hansu, Kim Changho, Kyunghee	prostitute (unnamed)	Osaka
2:10	1953 (Jan.)	Sunja, Yangjin, Noa Mozasu	Hoji (Noa's boss), Haruki	Osaka
2:11	1955 (Oct.)	Sunja, Yangjin, Mozasu	Chiyaki (shop girl), Goro	Osaka
2:12	1956 (Mar.)	Mozasu, Goro	Totoyama (seamstress), Daisuke (her son)	Osaka
2:13	1957	Sunja, Yangjin, Noa, Joseb, Kyunghee, Koh Hansu		Osaka
2:14	1959 (Dec.)	Sunja, Kyunghee, Joseb, Kim Changho		Osaka
2:15	1960	Noa, Akiko	Kuroda (professor)	Tokyo
2:16	1960 (Apr.)	Goro, Mozasu	Totoyama, Yumi	Osaka
2:17	1961 (Oct.)	Mozasu, Yumi, Haruki	Pastor John	Osaka
2:18	1962 (Mar.)	Noa, Akiko, Koh Hansu		Tokyo
2:19	1962	Sunja, Noa, Akiko		Osaka/Tokyo
2:20	1962 (Apr.)	Sunja, Yangjin, Joseb, Kyunghee	Mieko (Hansu's wife), garden boy	Osaka
3:1	1962 (Apr.)	Noa	Bingo (waiter), Takano	Nagano
3:2	1965 (Apr.)	Sunja, Mozasu, Yumi, Solomon		Osaka
3:3	1968 (Nov.)	Sunja, Mozasu, Solomon, Koh Hansu	Noriko	Yokohama
3:4	1968	Sunja, Solomon, Haruki, Koh Hansu		Yokohama
3:5	1969 (Jan.)	Noa, Risa	Koichi (their son), daughters (unnamed)	Nagano
3:6	1974	Daisuke	Ayame (Haruki's wife)	Yokohama
3:7	1976	Haruki, Mozasu	Tetsuo's family	Yokohama

	Year	Main Characters	Minor Characters	Location
3:8	1978 (Aug.)	Sunja, Noa, Koh Hansu		Nagano
3:9	1979	Mozasu, Solomon, Etsuko		Yokohama
3:10	1979	Solomon, Etsuko, Hana		Yokohama
3:11	1979	Mozasu, Solomon, Etsuko		Yokohama
3:12	1979	Sunja, Yangjin, Kyunghee		Osaka
3:13	1979	Sunja, Koh Hansu, Solomon, Hana		Osaka
3:14	1980	Solomon, Hana		Yokohama
3:15	1985	Solomon, Hana, Phoebe		New York City
3:16	1989	Solomon, Phoebe	Louis, Kazu, Gianarlo, Ono	Tokyo
3:17	1989	Solomon, Kazu		Tokyo
3:18	1989	Sunja, Kyunghee, Mozasu, Phoebe, Kazu		Yokohama
3:19	1989	Solomon, Phoebe, Kazu		Tokyo
3:20	1989	Goro, Mozasu, Haruki Solomon, Hana		Yokohama
3:21	1989	Phoebe, Solomon, Mozasu, Sunja	groundskeeper	



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From the publisher website (<https://tinyurl.com/rhbdtuf>):

In this bestselling novel, four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan, exiled from a home they never knew. Profoundly moving and gracefully told, Pachinko follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them. Betrayed by her wealthy lover, Sunja finds unexpected salvation when a young tubercular minister offers to marry her and bring her to Japan to start a new life.