



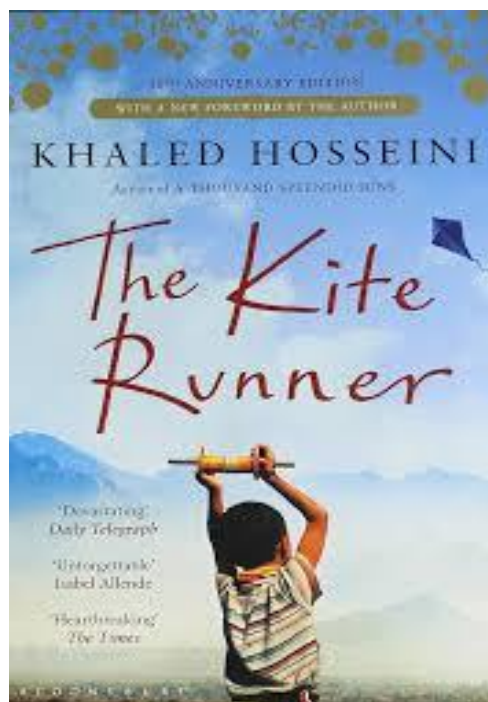
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## **BOOK REVIEW**

**Name of the book:** The Kite Runner

**Name of the author:** Khaled Hosseini

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"The Kite Runner," set in Kabul, tells the story of Amir, a young boy who spends his days kite fighting with his friend Hassan. Following a traumatic incident, Amir becomes estranged from Hassan, leading to a series of events that span years and continents. Amir and his father eventually flee to the United States, where Amir marries Soraya Taheri. Years later, Amir receives a call from Rahim Khan, prompting him to travel to Peshawar and learn about Hassan's fate. This sets Amir on a journey to make amends and find redemption.

The novel explores themes of guilt, redemption, and complex relationships, particularly between fathers and sons, against the backdrop of Afghanistan's tumultuous history.

## ***Characters***

- Amir: The protagonist and narrator of the story, a young boy from Kabul who flees to America with his father.
- Hassan: Amir's closest childhood friend, a Hazara boy who is the son of Ali.
- Baba: Amir's father, a wealthy businessman who aids the community.
- Ali: Baba's servant, a Hazara, Hassan's father.
- Rahim Khan: Baba's loyal friend and business partner.
- Soraya: A young Afghan woman whom Amir meets and marries in the US.
- Sohrab: The son of Hassan

"The Kite Runner" is a powerful and emotional novel that explores the complexities of human relationships and the consequences of our actions. The story is set amidst Afghanistan's dramatic shifts in power; the narrative traverses the downfall of the monarchical regime to the emergence of the Taliban. The characters are well-developed and complex, with Amir being a flawed but relatable protagonist.