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## 内容概要

The Kite Runner of Khaled Hosseini's deeply moving fiction debut is an illiterate Afghan boy with an uncanny instinct for predicting exactly where a downed kite will land. Growing up in the city of Kabul in the early 1970s, Hassan was narrator Amir's closest friend even though the loyal 11-year-old with "a face like a Chinese doll" was the son of Amir's father's servant and a member of Afghanistan's despised Hazara minority. But in 1975, on the day of Kabul's annual kite-fighting tournament, something unspeakable happened between the two boys.

Narrated by Amir, a 40-year-old novelist living in California, The Kite Runner tells the gripping story of a boyhood friendship destroyed by jealousy, fear, and the kind of ruthless evil that transcends mere politics. Running parallel to this personal narrative of loss and redemption is the story of modern Afghanistan and of Amir's equally guilt-ridden relationship with the war-torn city of his birth. The first Afghan novel to be written in English, The Kite Runner begins in the final days of King Zahir Shah's 40-year reign and traces the country's fall from a secluded oasis to a tank-strewn battlefield controlled by the Russians and then the trigger-happy Taliban. When Amir returns to Kabul to rescue Hassan's orphaned child, the personal and the political get tangled together in a plot that is as suspenseful as it is taut with feeling.

The son of an Afghan diplomat whose family received political asylum in the United States in 1980, Hosseini combines the unflinching realism of a war correspondent with the satisfying emotional pull of master storytellers such as Rohinton Mistry. Like the kite that is its central image, the story line of this mesmerizing first novel occasionally dips and seems almost to dive to the ground. But Hosseini ultimately keeps everything airborne until his heartrending conclusion in an American picnic park. --Lisa Alward, Amazon.ca --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

'A gripping read and a haunting story of love, loss and betrayal. Guaranteed to move even the hardest heart' Independent 'Shattering devastating and inspiring' Observer 'Harrowing yet exhilarating The beautifully honed prose and the perfectly controlled narrative keep a tight rein on the horrors that unfold in this haunting, morally complex tale' Daily Telegraph 'Stunning and heartbreaking in its quiet intensity Hosseini's writing is meticulous and evocative' Guardian

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'If you liked The God of Small Things, then you'll love The Kite Runner ... compelling' --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

'Told with simplicity and poise, it is a novel of great hidden intricacy and wisdom like a timeless Eastern tale' --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

'A marvellous first novel ... It's an old-fashioned kind of novel that really sweeps you away' --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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'Hosseini's description of a childhood friendship between two boys in Kabul is a moving reflection on Afghanistan's upheavals' --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

'This is one of those unforgettable stories that stay with you for years ... extraordinary ... powerful'

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'Hosseini's sparkling descriptions of people, places and emotions never dry up. Hosseini is a truly gifted teller of tales' --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

'An epic tale ... shattering ... Amir's story is simultaneously devastating and inspiring ... sharp and unforgettable'  
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