



Title: The Kite Runner
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BOOK RESUME: THE KITE RUNNER GRAPHIC NOVEL

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Since its publication in 2003, nearly seven million readers have discovered *The Kite Runner*. Through Khaled Hosseini's brilliant writing, a previously unknown part of the world was brought to vivid life for readers. Now, in this beautifully illustrated graphic novel adaptation, Hosseini brings his compelling story to a new generation of readers.

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, *The Kite Runner* transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[A] powerful first novel . . . political events, even as dramatic as the ones that are presented in *The Kite Runner*, are only a part of this story. In *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini gives us a vivid and engaging story that reminds us how long his people have been struggling to triumph over the forces of violence—forces that continue to threaten them even today." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"A beautiful novel . . . This unusually eloquent story is also about the fragile relationship between fathers and sons, humans and their gods, men and their countries. Loyalty and blood are the ties that bind their stories into one of the most lyrical, moving and unexpected books this year." —*The Denver Post*

"A marvelous first novel . . . the story of two young boys who are friends in Afghanistan, and an incredible story of the culture. It's an old-fashioned kind of novel that really sweeps you away." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"This extraordinary novel locates the personal struggles of everyday people in the terrible sweep of history." —*People*

"A moving portrait of modern Afghanistan." —*Entertainment Weekly*

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“A powerful book . . . no frills, no nonsense, just hard, spare prose . . . an intimate account of family and friendship, betrayal and salvation that requires no atlas or translation to engage and enlighten us. Parts of *The Kite Runner* are raw and excruciating to read, yet the book in its entirety is lovingly written.” —*The Washington Post Book World*

“An astonishing, powerful book.” —Diane Sawyer

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- [Educator Guide](#)
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- [Dear Librarians: A Letter from Khaled Hosseini, Author of *The Kite Runner*](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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- [“Brevard teacher makes banned books available to anyone,” *Spectrum News 13* \(2023\)](#)
- [“‘The 57 Bus’ and ‘The Kite Runner’ shouldn’t be banned from West Bend high schools, committee says following complaints,” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*](#)
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- [“Carroll’s assistant superintendent reverses committee’s decision to retain books in school libraries,” *The Baltimore Sun* \(2023\)](#)

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