



In Search of The Kite Runner

By Judi Slayden Hayes

Chalice Press, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In Khaled Hosseini's best-selling novel *The Kite Runner* (Riverhead Books, 2003), Hosseini shows us an Afghanistan rich in tradition and culture and an Afghanistan torn apart by war and political strife. We see Muslims who are not so different from Christians or Jews. *In Search of the Kite Runner* looks at the basic themes that make *The Kite Runner* such a fascinating and thought-provoking story and that make it personal for anyone who has ever wished for a chance to do something over. Written from a Christian perspective, *In Search of the Kite Runner* begins with the rudiments of Islamic faith and the Islam of Afghanistan. The author likens the struggles of *The Kite Runner*'s characters and those of other literary figures to the struggles and stories of biblical patriarchs. She brings to light the complexities of interpersonal and intrafamily relationships and examines the impact that power, guilt, and the quest for forgiveness and redemption can have on our lives. Exploring both the individual and the collective basis for doing good, Hayes probes our perceptions...

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'The Kite Runner' topped the bestsellers lists for several reasons. It also explores the history of the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan. On this level, it provides a good way for people to learn more about Afghan history and culture in the context of the story. Looking at The Kite Runner as a story about culture, however, misses what the book is really about. This is a novel about humanity. This is a story about friendship, loyalty, cruelty, longing for acceptance, redemption, and survival. The core story could be set in any culture because it deals with issues that are universal. The Kite Runner looks at how the main character, Amir, deals with a secret in 'The Kite Runner is told with simplicity and poise, it is a novel of great hidden intricacy and wisdom, like a timeless Eastern tale. It speaks the most harrowing truth about the power of evil, personal and political, and intoxicates, like a high-flying kite, with the power of hope' Daily Telegraph. 'Stunning and heartbreaking in its quiet intensity ...' 'From the first lines of The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini shows how an engaging novel begins - with simple, exquisite writing that compels the reader to turn the page. But Hosseini's novel is more than just good writing, it is also a wonderfully conjured story that offers a glimpse into an Afghanistan most Americans have never seen and depicts a side of humanity rarely revealed for the reader, the ride is exhilarating' Star Tribune.