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We always like to find many reasons for ourselves to explain our cowardice, always deceive ourselves to believe those beautiful lies, always try to cover our fear. However, the fact is that we have to face those evils and redeem our soul one day.

The Kite Runner is a story of the unlikely friendly between Amir, a wealthy boy and his servant Hassan. However, everything has changed dramatically after the

kite race in the winter of 1975. When Hassan is insulted for defending Amir's honor, Amir choose to escape. Not only that, he also expels Hassan out of his house. Later, Amir moves to the United States with his family. When Amir grows up, he could not forgive his betrayal, so he decides to return home. Unfortunately, Hassan was dead in the Afghanistan war. At the same time, Amir finds out that Hassan is his brother. He realizes that he must start to expiate his guilt.

What touches me the most in the books is 'There are a lot of children in Afghanistan, but little childhood.' It makes me cherish the present more. I am grateful that I was born in a peaceful country. However, there are still wars in many places which make people's live miserable. They are homeless. when I read about the children living in the orphanage with extremely poor conditions, I am grieved. Therefore, I will try my best to help those suffered people and encourage them. Besides, whenever I feel frustrated, I think that I am able to sleep and wake

up in a safe and beautiful place everyday. And I can see the blue sky, white clouds and warm sunshine. I will count my blessings. Moreover, I still have so much

In the book, my favourite character is Amir's father. He is kind and justical. Although he is rich, he does not discriminate against others. He is also self-independent and generous. I dislike Amir in his childhood. He is selfish and timid. In particular, he discriminates against Hassan. His childhood is full of guilt. Until his father died, he knows the truth that he and Hassan are brothers. Amir finally save Hassan's son when he is in danger and decides to raise him up. He has got the final redemption from now on. Compared with Amir, Hassan is loyal and brave. Although he was born in poverty, it does not affect him to be a good man. His loyalty is not as a servant, but also as a friend. No matter what Amir does, he will forgive him. At last, he died in order to protect Amir's house. He keeps his promise with his life. 'For you, a thousand times over!'

Amir and Hassan are like two shadows of each other. One is in front of people and one is behind of people. When Hassan died, his soul also went with him, but Amir has been full of guilt in the world. Fortunately, he finally opens his heart and releases himself.

This book is an unusual and powerful novel which breaks my heart and teaches me so much. The plot is touching. It is a sweeping story of family, friendship and love told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years.

The kite, in this book, is love, is friendship, is kindness. It is an indispensable part in our personality. Everyone has his own kite in his heart, no matter whether it is brave, loyal or other, we need the courage to pursue it.