The Kite Runner

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Summary

The Kite Runner is focused around Amir. Throughout the book, we get to experience the life of Amir, and the challenges he faces. In light of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Amir’s life changes forever. After having to America, he finds himself in a new lifestyle. He follows his ambitions, and eventually marries his wife. However, eventually Amir must go back to Kabul, Afghanistan on an urgent matter given to him from Rahim Khan, a family friend. His life changes after that one trip.
Strengths

● The book does an excellent job at narrating the life experiences of Amir.
● It’s full of so many page-turning events, it’s hard to put down sometimes.
● Very well written.
● The change of characters we see throughout the book is quite fascinating.
● Reading about the cultural and religious aspects of Afghanistan in the 1970s is incredible.
● Full of historical events.
Weaknesses

- The book starts out a little confusing at first.
- At times, the book lacks interest, making it a little harder to get through in certain areas.
- The names are a little hard to remember at first, so you can find yourself easily lost.
- Possibly for some, the book may be a little too violent and disturbing.
- The vocabulary is a little difficult.
- Personally, I didn’t find the ending satisfying.
I personally don’t have any experiences in my life that I can relate to The Kite Runner. However, there are many life experiences that people may have that can relate to the book. If someone experiences a life changing event, that changes them as a person, they could find themselves loving this book because they can totally relate to it. Possibly if someone had to move to a different country, they could find themselves relating to what Amir and Baba face whilst moving to America. This book is full of many experiences in which many people might share a similarity.
I was not to fond of The Kite Runner. While some parts I couldn’t put down the book, most of the time I was desperately trying to reach the end of the chapter to end that current boring topic. The book doesn’t really get good towards the end, and that bores me. A book needs to have captivating scenes throughout it’s entirety. Also, The Kite Runner is a little disturbing. I don’t like reading about disturbing topics, and this book had a few. I had no preparation for them, so when they happened, I found myself shocked and disgusted. I would recommend this book. I don’t like it just because it’s not my type of book. However, a lot of people could find themselves drawn to the book’s captivating end. It really is a good book, just not my type.
Audience

The type of people that may like this book is people who love serious and dramatic scenes. This book is full of page turning events that draw you in, and before you know it, you’ve been reading for an hour instead of your designated 20 minutes. Also, people interested in the cultural aspects of Afghanistan might find themselves captivated to the book because the book gives so much detail about Afghanistan society and the Islam religion.
I don’t know any books and movies that are similar to The Kite Runner, but there are plenty out there! Any books or movies that deal with Afghanistan’s complicated past would easily fit in with this book.