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About the Author

Khaled Hosseini was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, and moved to the United States in 1980. *The Kite Runner*, his first novel, is an international best-seller, published in over fifty territories. His second novel, the number-one national bestseller *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, was published in 2007. In 2006 he was named a U.S. goodwill envoy to the United Nations Refugee Agency. In 2007 Khaled started The Khaled Hosseini Foundation to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan to help alleviate suffering and build healthy communities. He lives in Northern California. To learn more about his Foundation please visit www.khaledhosseinifoundation.org.

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Also available by Khaled Hosseini

A Thousand Splendid Suns

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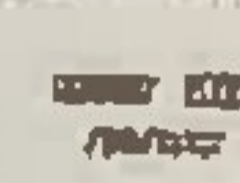
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