**The Kite Runner**

Holding the string in one hand, staring at the kite floating in the clear blue sky, an innocent boy spends his childhood flying kites with his best friend and takes it as his favorite.

The writer describes a story that happens in Afghanistan between two boys. They belong with distinct social classes and have totally different background, whereas they share an extremely close relationship which is defined as friendship, but later it turns out to be the kinship. The story is a process of Amir’s redemption for the sin, his cowardliness and his growth of being a mature man. It is set against the Soviet military intervention, the territorial attack of Taliban and a backdrop of tumultuous events.

It isn’t a book that only tells a simple story between main characters. Instead, like other works of great literature, it is a reflection of that time, of the humanity. It shows the enormous power of love, the genuine love between friends, while beyond friendship.

The writer presents to us what is the meaning of friends. Hassan is Amir’s servant, playmate, best friend and brother. Although they are in fact bonded with blood relation, neither of them knows the truth until Amir grows up and is told by Rahim Khan, a loyal friend of his father after his father’s death. Different status exerts no impact on their relation. The disparity of being an Agha and servant doesn’t ruin the intimate friendship. I consider that only between children can such relation exit, regardless of profit, status, property, which is the most precious and admiring, especially when we grow up, in a complicated adulthood. Hassan is willing to protect Amir by being bullied terribly. They exchange presents during each other’s birthday and always manage to find the perfect one, whether it is cheap or expensive.

Amir is a lucky guy for the reason that he succeeds in making up for the fault made several years ago that he forced Hassan to leave by accusing him of stealing because of his cowardliness. There is a way, waiting for him, to be good again. He finds the way, and goes through it, no matter what it takes, being ready for the danger he might face. Rescuing the son of Hassan is his way of repaying Hassan for his love, and it’s also a redemption made for his father. Not everyone that can find the way of smoothing the fault, and not everyone that can seize the opportunity and make it. Amir did it. Kites fly in the sky again with the company of Hassan’s son.

The kite is not only a simple stuff as a kite, but a hope of surviving, a chance for redemption, and the humanity of kindness and love. May all be the kite runner, running for the hope and the love.

For you, a thousand times over.

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