



Facets of Love in Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*

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Abstract

This paper is deliberated to highlight the bond of love shared by different characters in Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*. Love, friendship and father-son relationship remain fulcrum as discussed, the themes by Khaled Hosseini in his work. The author through his work *The Kite Runner* tried to explain the meaning of love by showing a bond between half brothers Amir and Hassan with their father and other characters. *The Kite Runner* is the story how beautiful Afghanistan was before Taliban affected Afghans, how Hazaras, lower caste muslims lived peacefully with Pastuns, high class muslims and how Afghanistan was destroyed by Taliban and how it affected the lives of Afghans, specially of Hazaras. Hosseini's story is about the two characters Hassan was Hazara and Amir was Pashtun who were half-brothers and their lives were totally changed after Kite flying competition that was held every year, one got the peaceful life other was sodomised and roof over his head was also snatched. . It mainly had the male characters which made it different from the platonic, cosmic or romantic love which urged the researcher to find out the warmth shared by the characters in the novel. The researcher explored the novel in depth to accentuate the endearment shown by the characters amidst tough times. This paper analyzed several types of love shown by different characters in the novel *The Kite Runner*.

Keywords: Love, *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini, friendship, half brothers.

