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**Joanna Trollope, Books of the Year, OBSERVER**

*The Kite Runner* is told with simplicity and poise, it is a novel of great intricacy and wisdom, like a timeless Eastern tale. It speaks the most harrowing truth about the power of evil, personal and political, and intoxicates, like a high-flying kite, with the power of hope".

**DAILY TELEGRAPH**

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**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY**

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**KIRKUS REVIEWS**

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