

Khaled Hosseini

Quotes

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Attention shifted to him like sunflowers turning to the sun.

~Khaled Hosseini

hills that stand soft and a sky that stands high and blue, and the sun setting behind a windmill, and always, always, hazy strings of mountains that fall and fall away on the horizon.

~Khaled Hosseini

One could not count the moons that shimmer on her roofs, Or the thousand splendid suns that hide behind her walls.

~Khaled Hosseini

And that's the thing about people who mean everything they say. They think everyone else does too.

~Khaled Hosseini

A man who has no conscience, no goodness, does not suffer.

~Khaled Hosseini

Nothing good came free. Even love. You paid for all things. And if you were poor, suffering was your currency.

~Khaled Hosseini

But time, it is like charm. You never have as much as you think.

~Khaled Hosseini

The desert weed lives on, but the flower of spring blooms and wilts.

~Khaled Hosseini

Quiet is peace. Tranquility. Quiet is turning down the volume knob on life. Silence is pushing the off button. Shutting it down. All of it.

~Khaled Hosseini

I wondered if that was how forgiveness budded; not with the fanfare of

epiphany, but with pain gathering its things, packing up, and slipping away unannounced in the middle of the night.

~Khaled Hosseini

It's a funny thing... but people mostly have it backward. They think they live by what they want. But really, what guides them is what they're afraid of. What they don't want.

~Khaled Hosseini

I opened my mouth, almost said something. Almost. The rest of my life might have turned out differently if I had. But I didn't.

~Khaled Hosseini

In many parts of the world, a man's accusing finger always finds a woman. But I think we need women to solve the problems that men create.

~Khaled Hosseini

It may be unfair, but what happens in a few days, sometimes even a single day, can change the course of a whole lifetime.

~Khaled Hosseini

it always hurts more to have and lose than to not have in the first place.

~Khaled Hosseini

A story is like a moving train: no matter where you hop onboard, you are bound to reach your destination sooner or later.

~Khaled Hosseini

They say, Find a purpose in your life and live it. But, sometimes, it is only after you have lived that you recognize your life had a purpose, and likely one you never had in mind.

~Khaled Hosseini

For you, a thousand times over

~Khaled Hosseini

Not a word passes between us, not because we have nothing to say, but because we don't have to say anything

~Khaled Hosseini

Tariq tucked the gun into the waist of his denims. Then he said a thing both lovely and terrible. "For you," he said. "I'd kill with it for you, Laila.

~Khaled Hosseini

Of all the hardships a person had to face, none was more punishing than the simple act of waiting.

~Khaled Hosseini

Behind every trial and sorrow that He makes us shoulder, God has a reason.

~Khaled Hosseini

True redemption is...when guilt leads to good.

~Khaled Hosseini

It's wrong what they say about the past, I've learned, about how you can bury it. Because the past claws its way out.

~Khaled Hosseini

But better to get hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie.

~Khaled Hosseini

A society has no chance of success if its women are uneducated.

~Khaled Hosseini

Whether you do something or decide to do nothing, either way, you are making a moral choice. And I hope people make the right one.

~Khaled Hosseini

Perhaps this is just punishment for those who have been heartless, to understand only when nothing can be undone.

~Khaled Hosseini

You see, some things I can teach you. Some you learn from books. But there are things that, well, you have to see and feel.

~Khaled Hosseini

There is only one sin. and that is theft... when you tell a lie, you steal someones right to the truth.

~Khaled Hosseini

Nothing happens in a vacuum in life: every action has a series of consequences, and sometimes it takes a long time to fully understand the consequences of our actions.

~Khaled Hosseini

People say that eyes are windows to the soul.

~Khaled Hosseini

War doesn't negate decency. It demands it, even more than in times of peace.

~Khaled Hosseini

There was so much goodness in my life. So much happiness. I wondered whether I deserved any of it.

~Khaled Hosseini

Beauty is an enormous, unmerited gift given randomly, stupidly.

~Khaled Hosseini

If there's a God out there, then i would hope he has more important

things to attend to than my drinking scotch or eating pork.

~Khaled Hosseini

Marriage can wait, education cannot.

~Khaled Hosseini

Like a compass needle that points north, a man's accusing finger always finds a woman. Always.

~Khaled Hosseini

Quiet is turning down the volume knob on life.

~Khaled Hosseini

Now, no matter what the mullah teaches, there is only one sin, only one. And that is theft. Every other sin is a variation of theft.

~Khaled Hosseini

You can not stop you from being who you are.

~Khaled Hosseini

There are a lot of children in Afghanistan, but little childhood.

~Khaled Hosseini

She was the trembler of knees, the spiller of teacups.

~Khaled Hosseini

yet love can move people to act in unexpected ways and move them to overcome the most daunting obstacles with startling heroism

~Khaled Hosseini

Boys, Laila came to see, treated friendship the way they treated the sun: its existence undisputed; its radiance best enjoyed, not beheld directly.

~Khaled Hosseini

What good is regret? It brings back nothing. What we have lost is irretrievable.

~Khaled Hosseini

Those who saw Kite Runner loved the film, for the most part, people seemed to really like the film.

~Khaled Hosseini

It's tremendous what can happen when suddenly you make an emotional connection.

~Khaled Hosseini

It was the kind of love that, sooner or later, cornered you into a choice: either you tore free or you stayed and withstood its rigor even as it squeezed you into something smaller than yourself.

~Khaled Hosseini

A man's heart is a wretched, wretched thing. It isn't like a mother's womb. It won't bleed. It won't stretch to make room for you.

~Khaled Hosseini

Time can be a greedy thing-sometimes it steals the details for itself.

~Khaled Hosseini

Yes, hope is a strange thing. Peace at last. But at what price?

~Khaled Hosseini

As far as I know, he never asked where she had been or why she had left and she never told. I guess some stories do not need telling.

~Khaled Hosseini

A sudden happiness catches me unawares. I feel it trickling into me, and my eyes go liquid with gratitude and hope.

~Khaled Hosseini

I think novelists, when they write their books, end up having occasionally serving a purpose and playing roles that they never really fully either intended or even understood.

~Khaled Hosseini

He said that if culture is a house, then language was the key to the front door; to all the rooms inside. Without it, he said, you ended up wayward, without a proper home or a legitimate identity.

~Khaled Hosseini

Children aren't coloring books. You don't get to fill them with your favorite colors.

~Khaled Hosseini

It's often a matter of sitting in front of the computer and worrying. It's what writing comes down to--worrying that things aren't going to work out.

~Khaled Hosseini

I don't know what this feather means, the story of it, but I know it means he was thinking of me. For all these years. He remembered me.

~Khaled Hosseini

At last, she makes her choice. She turns around, drops her head, and walks toward a horizon she cannot see. After that, she does not look back anymore. She knows that if she does, she will weaken.

~Khaled Hosseini

I suspect the truth is that we are waiting, all of us, against insurmountable odds, for something extraordinary to happen to us.

~Khaled Hosseini

I have lived a long time, and one thing I have come to see is that one is well served by a degree of both humility and charity when judging the

inner workings of another person's heart

~Khaled Hosseini

Writing fiction is the act of weaving a series of lies to arrive at a greater truth.

~Khaled Hosseini

A boy who won't stand up for himself becomes a man who can't stand up to anything.

~Khaled Hosseini

I finally had what I'd wanted all those years. Except now that I had it, I felt as empty as this unkempt pool I was dangling my legs into.

~Khaled Hosseini

Your job today is to pass gas. You do that and we can start feeding you liquids. No fart, no food.

~Khaled Hosseini

That's how children deal with terror, they fall asleep.

~Khaled Hosseini

I don't know the nuts and bolts of writing. I studied medicine. I was a pre-med nerd. So everything I learned, I know about writing is very instinctive.

~Khaled Hosseini

Her impulse, her need, to be the corrector of injustices, warden of the downtrodden flock. And

~Khaled Hosseini

The Chinese say it's better to be deprived of food for three days than tea for one.

~Khaled Hosseini

There is a way to be good again.

~Khaled Hosseini

But then it passed, as all things do.

~Khaled Hosseini

[Flying kite with my friends] is one of the seminal memories of growing up for me.

~Khaled Hosseini

Human behavior is messy and unpredictable and unconcerned with convenient symmetries.

~Khaled Hosseini

I guess some stories do not need telling.

~Khaled Hosseini

By then *The Kite Runner* had become quite successful and I found myself in a position that I had always dreamed of my whole life, which was to write for a living.

~Khaled Hosseini

and every day I thank [God] that I am alive, not because I fear death, but because my wife has a husband and my son is not an orphan.

~Khaled Hosseini

For courage, there must be something at stake. I come here with nothing to lose.

~Khaled Hosseini

I'll die if you go. The Jinn will come, and I'll have one of my fits. You'll see, I'll swallow my tongue and die. Don't leave me, Mariam jo. Please stay. I'll die if you go.

~Khaled Hosseini

Must have been quite the culture shock, going there.â€• â€œYes it was.â€• Idris doesn't say that the real culture shock has been in coming back.

~Khaled Hosseini

The rope that pulls you from the flood can become a noose around your neck.

~Khaled Hosseini

I wished I could be alone in my room, with my books, away from these people.

~Khaled Hosseini

Sad stories make good books

~Khaled Hosseini

Mostly, though, I dream of good things...I dream that flowers will bloom in the streets..again and music will play in the...houses and kites will fly in the skies.

~Khaled Hosseini

The story of what has happened to women in Afghanistan, however, is a very important one, and fertile ground for fiction.

~Khaled Hosseini

I will follow you to the ends of the world.

~Khaled Hosseini

I brought Hassan's son from Afghanistan to America, lifting him from the certainty of turmoil and dropping him in a turmoil of uncertainty

~Khaled Hosseini

And suddenly, just like that, hope became knowledge. I was going to win. It was just a matter of when.

~Khaled Hosseini

Life is a train, get on board.

~Khaled Hosseini

If there was a God, he'd guide the winds, let them blow for me so that, with a tug of my string, I'd cut loose my pain, my longing.

~Khaled Hosseini

They tell me I must wade into waters, where I will soon drown. Before I march in, I leave this on the shore for you. I pray you find it, sister, so you will know what was in my heart as I went under.

~Khaled Hosseini

There was brotherhood between people who had fed from the same breast, a kinship that even time could not break. - Amir

~Khaled Hosseini

Though *The Kite Runner* was my first completed novel, I had been writing on and off for most of my life, primarily short stories, and primarily for myself.

~Khaled Hosseini

Give sustenance, Allah. Give sustenance to me.

~Khaled Hosseini

All stories I write are compulsive. Anything I've ever written was because I don't have a choice. I write stories because I can't wait to tell it, I can't wait to see how it ends.

~Khaled Hosseini

A stubborn ass needs a stubborn driver

~Khaled Hosseini

Writing for me is largely about rewriting.

~Khaled Hosseini

I found a sad little fairy Beneath the shade of a paper tree. I know a sad little fairy Who was blown away by the wind one night.

~Khaled Hosseini

she held her breath, and in her head, counted seconds. She pretended that for each second she didn't breathe, God would grant her another day

~Khaled Hosseini

It was you Nabi. It was always you. Didn't you know?

~Khaled Hosseini

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