

The Kite Runner is a sophisticated and deeply touching novel which unites two countries Afghanistan and the USA. The story is focused on complex relationships between father Baba and his son Amir. Feeling lack of love from the father's side, Amir is quite coward and shy, does not show signs of courage. As a result, Baba often criticizes him for this, not realizing that this makes Amir more anxious about himself. One of the main themes in the novel is about the importance of father in life of a boy.

With the plot development, one can see that further Baba continues to criticize Amir, not accepting his choice. He is angry of Amir, who is not doing exactly what Baba used to do at his age. As a matter of fact, he does not appreciate Amir's choice of reading and finds it wrong. Meanwhile Amir's heart is full of negative feelings. He feels guilty for mother's death, who had died during his birth. He is coward and not confident, as his father does not support him much in life. Lack of love brings jealousy to Amir, as there's servant's son Hassan, whom Baba treats kindly, as Amir sees it.

Emotional ups and downs culminate in the episode with kite fighting. Being fully excited by the event, Amir lucky wins the competition. The only thought that occurs to him at this moment is about finding his kite and bringing it to farther to receive his appraisal. At the moment when Amir has found his kite he is facing a scene where Hassan is severely beaten and raped by Assef. However, because of his cowardice, jealousy and lack of father's love, he does not protect Hassan and leaves the place. Moreover, he is ashamed of seeing the rape and not helping Hassan and tries to save his reputation by discrediting Hassan in father's eyes.

In other words, in the novel we can see how father's neglect of his son, and inability to love and accept him led to such horrible consequences as Amir's inability to rescue his friend. This is the culmination of the novel which makes the novel specially intense and tough. Returning to the

cause of all troubles in Amir's life, it is important to learn the main idea from this novel – people are different even though they are from one country, one tribe, one family. Amir has a right to be himself, he cannot be exact copy of his father. Baba's stereotypes and traditional conservatism makes the life of his son miserable and painful. This is why he is coward, jealous and indifferent to Hassan. This answers the question why Amir could not help Hassan, and was searching for an opportunity to please his father and gain appraisal. Relations like this inevitably fail.