

THE THEME OF CHILDHOOD IN THE NOVEL "THE KITE RUNNER" BY KHALED KHUSSEINE"

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Abstrak: *The article is devoted to the study of the theme of childhood in the novel "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. The work examines various aspects of childhood, such as parent-child relationships, friendship, violence, loss of innocence, etc. The main characters of the novel and their relationships with each other, as well as their destinies and life paths are analyzed. The work uses various research methods, such as literature analysis, comparative analysis, contextual analysis, etc. The work used various research methods, such as literature analysis, comparative analysis, contextual analysis, etc. The relationships of the main characters with their parents, friends and other characters were analyzed, and the main motives and symbolic meanings associated with the theme of childhood were identified.*

Key words: *childhood, parental relationships, friendship, violence, loss of innocence, father-son relationships, Amir and Hassan, mother and son.*

In the novel *The Kite Runner*, childhood plays an important role in shaping the character of the main character, Amir. Since childhood, Amir has suffered from feelings of inferiority and fear of his father, who considers him weak and not courageous enough. These emotions haunt Amir throughout his life and determine his actions as an adult. Amir's childhood also determines his attitude towards other people. He often experiences feelings of envy and jealousy towards his best friend Hassan, who is his servant and at the same time his best friend. This feeling of envy and jealousy ultimately leads to tragic consequences. Thus, childhood is a key moment in the formation of the protagonist's character and determines his actions and attitudes towards other people. *The Kite Runner* follows the lives of two Afghan men, Amir and Hassan, from the 1960s to the early 21st century. The author explores complex and controversial themes of father-son relationships, friendship, betrayal and redemption. The relationship between Amir and Baba, his adoptive father, is the central element of the novel. Amir is Baba's only son and he is very attached to him. Baba is a successful businessman who loves and cares for his son. He gives Amir a good education and helps him succeed in life. However, Amir and Baba's relationship is not always smooth sailing. Amir feels unloved and deprived of his father's attention. He is jealous of Hassan, the son of Baba's servant, who seems to be more loved by his father. As a child, Amir commits a betrayal that changes his relationship with Baba forever. He frames Hassan to avoid punishment for theft. Baba, having learned about this, is deeply disappointed in his son. 7 Years later, Amir tries to atone for his guilt to Hassan. He finds him and helps him escape from Afghanistan. This act helps Amir restore his relationship with Baba, who dies knowing

that his son loves him and repented of his betrayal. Hassan and Baba's relationship is also an important aspect of the novel. Hassan is Amir's only friend and he loves and respects Baba very much. Baba also loves Hassan and he often says that Hassan is his real son. Hassan is a kind and sympathetic person who is always ready to help others. He never forgets about his friend Amir, even when he betrays him. The relationship between Hassan and Baba is an example of true friendship and love. They show that relationships between people can be based on sincere feelings, and not on blood and kinship. The topic of the relationship between father and son is relevant for modern society. In the modern world, there are still families in which the relationship between father and son is not always harmonious. This may be due to various reasons, such as parental divorce, lack of mutual understanding, financial difficulties, etc. The Kite Runner novel can help people better understand these problems and find ways to solve them. It shows that even if the relationship between father and son was difficult, there is always the possibility of repairing it. The relationship between Amir and Hassan is a key theme in The Kite Runner. The two boys grew up together and became close friends. They shared all the joys and sorrows, but their friendship was doomed to trials. Amir and Hassan were born in Kabul in the 1960s. Amir is the son of a wealthy businessman Baba, and Hassan is the son of his servant Ali. Despite the difference in social status, the boys became best friends. They played together, went to school and shared secrets. Hassan was Amir's most devoted friend, who was always there for him, no matter what. However, Amir and Hassan's relationship was clouded by mystery. Amir knew that his father loved Hassan more than himself. This caused jealousy and envy in Amir, which ultimately led to betrayal. One day, Amir framed Hassan to avoid punishment for theft. Hassan was forced to leave Baba's house and their friendship was destroyed. Many years later, Amir realized that he had made a mistake. He sought Hassan to apologize and atone for his guilt. In the end, he managed to find Hassan and help him escape from Afghanistan. Helping Hassan was a chance for Amir to correct his mistake and restore friendship. He realized that Hassan is his true friend and that he loves him more than anyone else. The relationship between Amir and Baba is also an important theme in the novel. Baba is Amir's adoptive father, who raised him with love and care. He gave Amir a good education and helped him succeed in life. However, Amir and Baba's relationship is not always smooth sailing. Amir feels unloved and deprived of his father's attention. He is jealous of Hassan, who seems to be more loved by his father. As a child, Amir commits a betrayal that changes his relationship with Baba forever. He frames Hassan to avoid punishment for theft. Baba, having learned about this, is deeply disappointed in his son. Years later, Amir tries to atone for his guilt before Baba. He finds him and asks for forgiveness. Baba forgives Amir, but he dies before he can see his son correct his mistake. The topic of the relationship between father and son is relevant for modern society. In the modern world, there are still families in which the relationship between father and son is not always harmonious. This may be due to various reasons, such as parental divorce, lack of mutual understanding, financial

difficulties, etc. The Kite Runner novel can help people better understand these problems and find ways to solve them. It shows that even if the relationship between father and son was difficult, there is always the possibility of repairing it. The Kite Runner is a powerful and moving story of love, loss and hope. It explores complex and controversial themes of father-son relationships, friendship, betrayal and redemption. The novel may be of interest to a wide range of readers, regardless of their age and gender. It makes you think about important life issues and can help people better understand themselves and those around them.

Mother and son relationship In the novel "The Kite Runner" the author draws attention to the problems of child abuse. Amir, the main character of the novel, suffers from violence at the hands of his father, who considers him weak and not courageous enough. Amir's father often mocks and humiliates him, which leaves a deep mark on his psyche. The novel also shows examples of violence against other children. Hassan Amir's best friend, suffers abuse from older children who bully him because of his heritage. The author of the novel raises the important topic of child abuse and shows how these traumas affect the lives of adults. The Kite Runner reminds us of the need to protect children from violence and that every child deserves love and respect. The Kite Runner follows the lives of two Afghan men, Amir and Hassan, from the 1960s to the early 21st century. The author explores complex and controversial themes of father-son relationships, friendship, betrayal and redemption. The mother-son relationship in the novel is presented primarily through Amir's relationship with his adoptive mother, Sanavar. Sanavar is the wife of Baba, Amir's adoptive father. She is an intelligent and educated woman who loves and cares for her son. However, Amir does not remember his biological mother. She died when he was still small, and he grew up without her love and care. This absence of his mother left a deep wound in him that is felt throughout the novel.

10 Sanavar tries her best to be a good mother to Amir. She gives him a good education and instills in him a love of reading and art. She also tries to help him overcome the feelings of inferiority he experiences due to the absence of his biological mother. Sanavar understands that Amir needs her love and support. She is always there for him when he needs it. She helps him cope with the loss of Hassan, Baba's betrayal and other difficulties that come his way. Sanavar had a great influence on Amir's life. She helped him grow into a worthy person. She taught him to love, forgive and fight for justice. Amir will always be grateful to Sanavar for her love and support. She was a real mother for him, who gave him what he had been looking for for so long. The topic of the relationship between mother and son is relevant for modern society. In the modern world, there are still families in which mothers cannot be with their children. This may be due to various reasons, such as parental divorce, mother's death, work or other circumstances. "The Kite Runner" novel can help people better understand the importance of a mother's love and support. It shows that even if a mother cannot be there physically, she will always be there in her child's heart. The relationship between mother and son in the novel The Kite Runner is presented as complex and ambiguous. However, they are also full of love, support and understanding.

Sanavar was a real mother for Amir, who gave him what he had been looking for for so long. As a child, Amir is very attached to Sanavar. She is not only a mother to him, but also a friend, and even sometimes a teacher. Sanavar helps Amir overcome his fears and complexes, she teaches him to be a kind and sympathetic person. Amir loves Sanavar and values her love. He always feels safe and protected when she is around. As adults, Amir and Sanavar remain close. Amir often turns to Sanavar for advice and support. She is always ready to help him, and Amir knows that he can count on her love and understanding.

Sanavar also loves Amir and is proud of him. She sees that he has grown into a worthy man, and she is happy for him. Sanavar had a great influence on Amir's life. She helped him grow into a worthy person who knows how to love, forgive and fight for justice. Amir will always be grateful to Sanavar for her love and support. She was a real mother for him, who gave him what he had been looking for for so long. The topic of the relationship between mother and son is relevant for modern society. In the modern world, there are still families in which mothers cannot be with their children. This may be due to various reasons, such as parental divorce, mother's death, work or other circumstances. "The Kite Runner novel can help people better understand the importance of a mother's love and support. It shows that even if a mother cannot be there physically, she will always be there in her child's heart. The relationship between mother and son in the novel The Kite Runner is presented as complex and ambiguous. However, they are also full of love, support and understanding. Sanavar was a real mother for Amir, who gave him what he had been looking for for so long. Amir and Sanavar's relationship can be seen as an example of how love and support can help a person overcome difficulties and grow into a worthy person. The Kite Runner shows that a mother's love can be stronger than even death. Sanavar is a shining example of how a woman can be both a good mother and a successful careerist.

CONCLUSION

On the theme of childhood in Khaled Hosseini's novel The Kite Runner In Khaled Hosseini's novel The Kite Runner, the childhood of the main characters, Amir and Hassan, takes place in Afghanistan. This is a childhood full of love, friendship and hope. However, it is also marked by violence, betrayal and loss. As a child, Amir is a spoiled and selfish boy. He feels inferior and unworthy of love. This feeling makes him jealous and envy of Hassan, who is his best friend. Amir commits treason by framing Hassan to avoid punishment for theft. This betrayal destroys the friendship between Amir and Hassan. It also leaves Amir feeling guilty and ashamed. Many years later, Amir realizes his mistake. He realizes that the betrayal was a mistake and that he must atone for his guilt. Amir finds Hassan and helps him escape from Afghanistan. Helping Hassan becomes a chance for Amir to atone for his guilt and restore friendship. He realizes that Hassan is his true friend and that he loves him more than anyone else. Hassan is a kind and sympathetic boy. He is always ready to help others, even if it is dangerous. Hassan is an outcast in society as he belongs to a lower social class. Hassan also becomes a victim of violence. He is bullied by other children and also raped by

Asif, Amir's friend. Hassan endures all this with dignity and courage. He retains kindness and love. Childhood is an important stage in a person's life. It determines his character and worldview. In the novel *The Kite Runner*, the childhood of the main characters plays an important role. It shows how they become who they are. The novel shows that childhood can be a wonderful time, full of love and friendship. However, it can also be a time of pain and suffering. The novel also shows that even in the most difficult situations a person can find the strength to overcome pain and find love and support.

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