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Isabel Allende

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Mariella Frostrup

'Few contemporary novelists have his ability to fashion a narrative which portrays so compellingly the terrible realities of war and suffering and yet which also provides convincing glimpses of the possibility of redemption and salvation' *Waterstone's Books Quarterly*

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Daily Telegraph

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'A gripping tale of physical and psychological violence, of extremes of hope and despair' *Daily Mail*

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'Moving and real, it brings home the indignities of war and oppression without allowing the characters to lose their human face' *Image*

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'You will find yourself unable to break from the narrative, gasping as you turn the page, weeping at the predicament of Mariam and Laila ... powerful and moving' *Good Book Guide*

'A riveting read' *Financial Times* Summer Books

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BY THE SAME AUTHOR

The Kite Runner

This book is dedicated to Haris and Farah, both the *noor* of my eyes, and to the women of Afghanistan.

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