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-KHALED HOSSEINI " 384 pages of emotional turmoil"

Through Riverbed publications, Hosseini pumps out yet another emotional rollercoaster that's bound to move even the most cold hearted of men. The stand-alone second instalment set in the same setting of Taliban ruled state of Afghanistan, this piece of work enthrals you with its special way with words.

Following the story of two women, Mariam and Laila, down trodden by the man's cruel world, Hosseini spins a fantastic tale of courage, friendship and sacrifice set in such a place where the status of women is no better than animals. Two unrelated women develop the inextricable bond of a mother and daughter as they plough their way through the world in metaphorical shackles with their nigh inexorable spirits.

This story has all the emotions, happy notes of pre-taliban era and the contrasting latter grim tone. It will move you, encourage you and solidify your respect towards women and what they go through. Definitely worth your time, as it adds something meaningful to your experience.

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