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And the Mountains Echoed; Family Ties and Roots

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Abstract

The third novel by Khaled Hosseini, And the Mountains Echoed, is a work of family drama historical fiction that examines the factors surrounding one the factors that lead to and reverberate from one action: a poor family sells their youngest daughter to a wealthy couple in Kabul. Set in Afghanistan, the novel spans over fifty 50 years and four generations. Hosseini includes several narrative voices, rather than just the story's main family. The multiple narrators provide several different angles into the grand narrative of the main family, but they also examine their own context and the motives behind their choices in their life. The reader will notice many similarities between the "unconnected" narrators to the main characters-the members of the family part of the grand narrative. Riverhead Books first published the novel in 2013, and it follows The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns.

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