



BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS



"An apt comparison to *The Kite Runner* A page burner of a story." *Robert R. Baumgarte, Former Professor of Psychology at Winthrop University.*

"Every American should read this book. Well written and engaging, it will open your eyes to some important timely issues." *Kim Nettles*

"I did not want it to end and missed the main character once I had finished. Let's hope there is a sequel. It is perfect for high school students studying the Middle East. It would be a great read for your next book club!" *Book Club Secretary*

THE MOST FREQUENTLY, IN PERSON, ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How much of your experience was put into the novel?
2. Did you marry Sophia?
3. How did you change?
4. What can we, in the West, do differently to catalyze peace?
5. What does it mean to be a moderate Muslim?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How did religion shape each of Baba, Mama, Rami, and Nabil?
2. How do parents radicalize their children?
3. Why was Nabil prone to become a remorseless killer?
4. What motivated Rami and Nabil to pick up arms?
5. What made Rami transform to a defiant moderate?
6. What role did Mama play?
7. How did Sophia change Rami?
8. What did Rami expect to find in America?
9. Did Jamil know about Othman's assassination?
10. What are the root causes of religious violence?
11. How did the environment contribute to producing radicals?
12. How do middle easterners view Americans and the U.S. government?
13. How did the Palestinian/Israeli conflict affect the Middle East?
14. How do you view religious violence now?
15. What will it take to build peace, now that you read the novel?
16. Is it possible to use religion to help stop wars that is starts?

Invite Sam to your book club: bookclub@samwazan.com. Attendance can be in person, via phone, or Skype.