

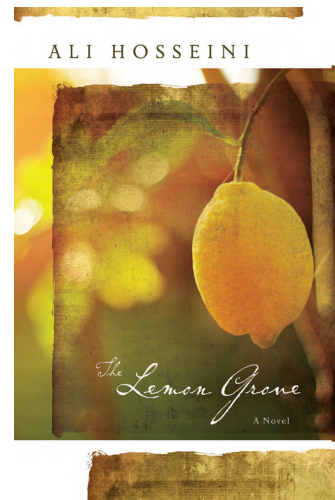
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The Lemon Grove by Ali Hosseini

The new Kite Runner: News sound bites are often the only way we get a glimpse into the state of affairs in Iran. But this book offers an in-depth look into the country's culture from the point of view of an Iranian. It does for Iran what Khaled Hosseini's best seller did for Afghanistan.

Plot notes: After a stint in the United States, a man returns to his hometown during the Iran-Iraq war to discover his twin brother's marriage to a childhood sweetheart on the brink of collapse.

Book-club alert: This touching story of redemption will win over the hearts of the toughest critics in your monthly wine, ahem, book club. --Steph Opitz



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