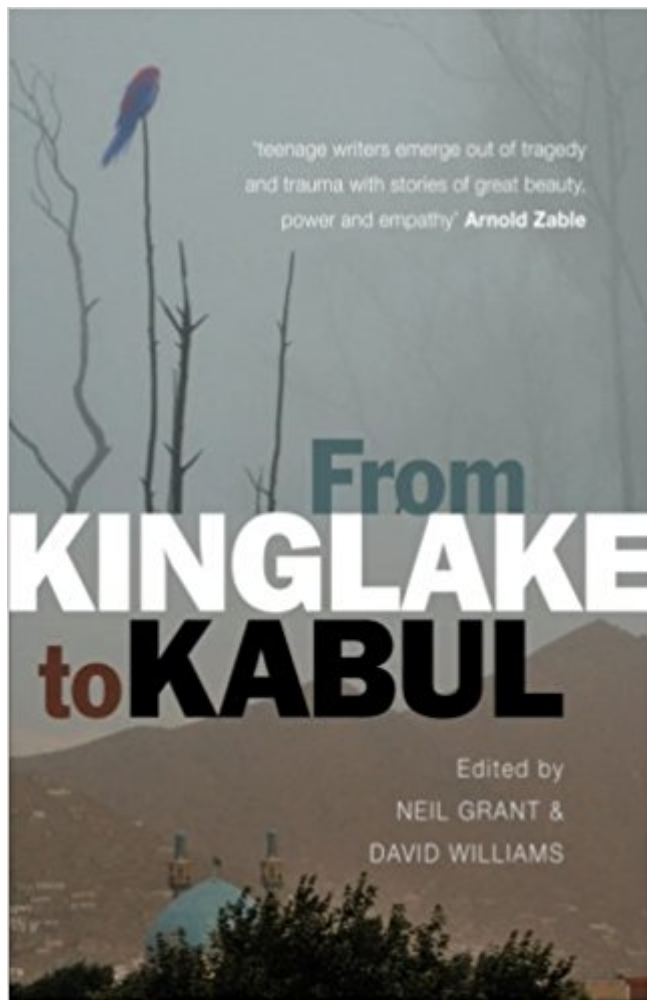


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# From Kinglake To Kabul



## Synopsis

"As long as we are still alive, we can have everything later, we can start from scratch." — My Nguyen, Kinglake — "I hope to feel safe in every part of Afghanistan, not just in my room." — Sabrina Omar, Kabul — Kinglake had one day of disaster with far-reaching effects; Kabul has endured 30 years of war. In this remarkable collection of young people's writing, students from schools in Kinglake and Kabul share their stories of resilience, courage, and hope. — In doing so they illustrate the remarkable healing quality of words and illuminate what connects us as humans. This is not a book of remembrance or a book that desires to shock, it is a book about what is best about human nature.

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## Customer Reviews

Neil Grant is a writer who lives in Cottles Bridge. David Williams is a teacher and writer who lives in Kinglake.

Three stars for the Kindle version. There is no change of font, nor spacing, nor any indication whatsoever provided to mark the 'joins' between the young writers' words and those of the editor/narrator. The paragraphs just follow one after the other. Kindle readers have to stay super-alert and notice that the 'voice' changes from time to time. Very frustrating. The stories and the collection are excellent - probably more so on paper.

This collection of stories is, in one word, extraordinary. This is not your average book. It is a

collection of short stories by teenage writers about two separate tragedies. The Kinglake bushfires and the 30-year war in Afghanistan. These young writers have written about sorrow and heartache, but also about hope and joy. The beautifully edited stories combined with the stunning photos have created a book that will inspire all readers. The book encompasses teenage writers from both walks of life and, although young, they are great writers. - Christopher Davis Yr 10, Cairns State High School, Australia (from Cairns Post 22/3/2011 p.26) "A frank, moving, compelling collection by students with a gift for storytelling." - Frances Atkinson (The Sunday Age) The stories are riveting... The students express a profound love for their country and a determination to rebuild it. There are moments of breathtaking forgiveness and kindness, and tales of strangers who offer refuge despite the life-threatening danger. - Arnold Zable (The Age) More reviews here [...]

I would recommend this product to people who enjoy or are interested in true stories. The only reason I did the 3 star rating was because usually I don't read these type of books and it got a bit confusing sometimes. This book has many true stories about the fires of Kinglake to the lives of people in Kabul.

This is a beautiful book. Two talented writers have inspired two groups of teenagers to write to each other. One class of kids was in Afghanistan, that place of ongoing trauma. The other was from an Australian town destroyed by a terrible bushfire. I expected something horrendous, and perhaps amateurish, but was pleasantly surprised. These teenagers write with simple power. This is impressive enough from the Australian kids, but I am even more amazed by the work of those for whom English is a foreign language. The stories are inspirational: simple tales of simple lives showing courage, compassion, inner strength, humour, all the best in human nature. You can also become a better person by enjoying reading this book for a few hours.

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