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Kamila Shamsie was born in 1973 in Pakistan. Her first novel *IN THE CITY BY THE SEA*, was published in 1998 and shortlisted for the John Llewelyn Rhys / Mail on Sunday Prize. In 1999 she also received The Award for Literature in Pakistan and published her second novel *SALT AND SAFFRON* to critical acclaim. Kamila lives in London and Karachi.

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