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### **Anthropology/Archaeology**

Emergence of Hinduism in Gandhara / Abdul Samad

Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020

264p.

Includes Bibliography

9789693532814

1. Religion.
2. Hinduism.
3. Gandhara.

\$ 60.00 / HB

602gm.

Dr. Samad has taken on a very formidable task in trying to identify what is commonly referred to as “Hinduism” in the region of Gandhara. The concept of a single religious tradition called “Hinduism” did not exist during the time period that he is studying. In this book he has successfully worked back from what some people call “Hinduism” today to trace out the roots of specific ideologies and iconographic representations in the past. In his approach to this subject, Dr. Samad has been careful to provide the reader with the references to the many earlier scholars who have studied the topic, but also challenges some of the earlier approaches and suggests new ways to interpret the patterns seen in the material evidence.

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Pakistan Heritage, Volume 11, 2019 / (Eds) Shakirullah and Ruth Young  
Mansehra: Department of Archaeology, Hazara University Mansehra, 2019  
120p.  
ISSN: 2708-2237  
\$ 70.00 / PB  
498gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749567>

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Late Mughal Period Monuments in and Around Ziarat Kaka Sahib, Nowshehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan / Dr. Shakirullah  
Peshawar: Ministry of Information Broadcasting, National History & Literary Heritage, Information and Broadcasting Division, 2018  
1v  
Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789692328807

1. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Pakistan) -- Antiquities.
2. Historic buildings -- Nowshera District (Pakistan)
3. Excavations (Archaeology) -- Pakistan -- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
4. Pakistan -- Antiquities.

\$ 100.00 / HB  
784gm.  
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## **Biography**

Pakistan Archaeology : Inside Story of 38 Years / Ihsan H. Nadiem  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020  
424p. ; color, b&w pictures.  
9789693532913  
1. History – Pakistan – Archaeology.  
\$ 120.00 / HB  
1150gm.

Biographical story of professional life of Ihsan H. Nadiem, being posted on key archaeological posts in Pakistan.

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## **Economics**

Tourism Destinations in Pakistan : Management through

Stakeholders and Narratives / Abdus Sattar Abbasi

Lahore: Innovative International Publishing, 2021

xvi, 226p.

9789698486280

\$ 60.00 / HB

754gm.

Tourism Destinations in Pakistan - Management through

Stakeholders and Narratives is a pioneering authored reference book

on enormous untapped potential of variety of tourism activities

available in Pakistan

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749570>

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Impact of Pakistan Maritimes Affairs on Blue Economy in Backdrop  
of CPEC / Commodore Dr S M Shahzad SI (M)

Lahore: Commodore Dr S M Shahzad SI (M), 2020

236p.

9781913553067

\$ 120.00 / HB

1410gm.

“Impact of Pakistan Maritime Affairs on Blue Economy in Backdrop of CEPEC” is an attempt to dissect the problems that hold back channelizing all-important maritime zones especially EEZ that holds the enormous potential of economic dividends. Pakistan had fought

several wars with neighboring India and resulted in a domineering focus on security-related issues and hence, marine studies were termed as a secondary matter.

From the pen of one of the most accomplished officers of Pakistan Navy scribed a marvelous document of original studies that indeed stretches insights into many complicated; but, precise facts on marine studies and its scope. It is a research of untapped economic opportunities in maritime zones offered by the collective sea beaches of the provinces of Baluchistan and Sindh.

Ironically, since the commencement of this century, the influx of countries in Asia twisted to sea. Countries have reoriented themselves and shed old land centric policies to assert and lay claims over vast swathes of ocean expanse. It is a natural repercussion of shrinking land-based resources and bloating population. The friction over sea-based resources is expected to intensify in the foreseeable future.

Over 290,000 Sq. Km of sea zones belong to Pakistan, is a vast tract by any measure. This vastness is rich in Marine resources. Yet most remain either unexplored or else desecrated and may face the natural process of extinction. Histories, culture, lack of marine scientific research beside disorganized efforts being tried by various stakeholders are some notable factors that encumbered meaningful progress.

With Gwadar port on the western fringes of Makran coast in Baluchistan now becoming a hub of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CEPEC), the country seems well poised to commence a new era of maritime awareness. To accrue tangible benefits or stem the tide of challenges, a palpable “will” at the federal level and synergetic involvement of stakeholders is nonetheless a necessary condition.

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Sustainable Development : Envisaging the Future Together / Uzma T. Haroon, Imrana Niazi & Sarah S. Aneel  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2018  
xvi, 292p.  
9789693531039

1. South Asia – Peace.  
\$ 65.00 / HB  
804gm.

This anthology coincides with Pakistan's 70-year independence celebrations and SDPI's 25 years as a research and advocacy organisation. The journey of both has been similar and monumental. From a country with a negligible industrial base, Pakistan's economy is now worth nearly USD 300 billion. Opening its doors as a small think-tank struggling to survive with unpredictable and meagre funding avenues, SDPI is now ranked and recognised internationally as the 15th Top Think Tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. The book is a canvas, not just of ideas about where Pakistan needs to go in the next decade to realise the United Nations' great sustainability agenda under the Sustainable Development Goals, it is also an honest assessment of serious challenges the nation faces such as religious and gender discrimination, climate change and debt restructuring. But Pakistan is not alone. If anything, the volume also tells the story of other neighbouring countries, like Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, which are battling their own demons of conflict, envisaging their people's determination towards the shared dream of a peaceful, inclusive and well-governed civilisation. The authors help deepen our reflection on how policy can be linked with practice, how to grapple with the foreboding reality of climate change in a country and region which has witnessed far too many weather-related calamities in the recent past and of late, and review the role of monetary institutions and regional blocs. They ponder the architecture of peace in countries hit by war and internal strife, and take stock of how this region treats its minorities.

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7<sup>th</sup> Century Madina Economics : The First Economic System of the  
Mankind / Muhammad Munir Ahmed  
Lahore: Aiwan-E-Ilmo-O-Fann, 2020  
280p.  
9789692339476  
\$ 75.00 / HB

584gm.

Certain developments like the right to own property, working of markets, lending money under interest etc. are the main building blocks which could be called a stray economics because these were neither described nor followed like an economic system. The 7<sup>th</sup> century Madina provided human beings the first economic system of the mankind. This was not simply a theology but also practiced in Madina which later on “spread to other parts of the world and remained dominant from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11 century (Maurice Lombard 1975) Once prices rose in Madina and people requested Muhammad (SAW) to fix prices. Arbitrary fixation of prices by the rulers in such situations was common practice at the time. However Muhammad (SAW) refused to do so by saying that fixation of prices is not in his hands. Based on this statement, Benedict Koehler (2014) calls Muhamad (SAW) as the first free-market economist of the mankind. In Capitalism, there is no mechanism for ensuring shared prosperity due to its working under the concept of “Survival of the Fittest”. Communism, during 70 years of working, also could not provide any system of shared prosperity on long term basis. Under the magic of fair and honest trade, people of Madina with surplus wealth used to voluntarily spend income in excess of their needs on those left behind in the economic struggle. This is perhaps the most important takeaway of Madina Economics for curing the current woes of Capitalism.

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## **History**

From Landi Kotal to Wagah : Cultural Heritage Along the Grand Trunk Road / Salman Rashid (Ed) Shahid Kamal

Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020

252p.

9789231003875

\$ 150.00 / HB

1200gm.

This is the story of one of the grandest highroads in the subcontinent richly steeped in legend and history. From the rugged contours of the Khyber Pass it bears the reader through a wondrous land of culture, heritage and a remarkably beautiful geography. From the middle of the sixth century BCE when Cyrus, the greatest king of the Achaemenian empire, annexed modern day Pakistan right down to the present times, the road has been extensively travelled. If there were invaders and plunderers on this grand highway, there were also pious pilgrims and common traders. Sprinkled along the length of the road like milestones to an ancient past are signs of those who traversed it. The Greeks, Mauryans, Scythians, Parthians, Sassanians and Turks all left their mark with a distinctive Mughal and British overlay. This book is a celebration of the Grand Trunk Road and those who left their mark on the history of Pakistan.

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Perspectives in Social History of Colonial Punjab / (Eds) Tahir Kamran & Hussain Ahmad Khan  
Lahore: Khaldunia Centre for Historical Research Beaconhouse  
National University Press, 2021

xxii, 338p.

9789697280339

\$ 75.00 / HB

630gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749575>

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## **Literature**

The Great Dependence : 5000 Years Indebtedness of Literature to Religion, From Epic of Gilgamesh (2800 BC) to Silence (1967AD) : 50 Works Analysed / Qaiser Alam (Foreword) Muhamad Suheyl Umar  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020

408p.

Includds Index ; Bibliography

9789693532630

1. History - Literature

\$ 60.00 / HB

684gm.

From roughly 2800 BC to 1967 AD no great work of literature has ever been written without a strong and abiding sense of religious sensibility on the part of the writer. It is not a matter, says the author of this volume, of subjective interpretation but is an objective fact which unequivocally establishes literature's indebtedness to religion and religious sensibility. Thus, the theme of the book is that religion has been a permanent backdrop against which great literary works have been composed. The Great Dependence traces this religious sensibility across history from Mesopotamia, India, Greece, Near East, Africa, Europe, Scandinavia, America and Latin America, in no less than fifty great works of literature which include epics, long poems, ballads, sonnets, poems, oriental verses, novels and plays. Based on this historical testimony and the close relationship between religion and literature which had been exhibited across history, the author maintains with some conviction that man has primarily been a theistic being and that by the same analogy, even in future no work of substantive literature can be written without the abiding presence of religious sensibility however meek or weak it may be. Given the span and scope of the book, it is indeed a groundbreaking study where religious sensibility, either in the form of archaic gods, myths or the God of the Abrahamic religions, is traced in diametrically different genres of literature and that too across a wide expanse of history and geographical areas. The book puts religion and especially literature, in an entirely new and amazing perspective. It is indeed a very well researched book where intellectual acumen is applied to the hilt and with a scholarly touch of abiding conscientiousness. The book certainly opens hitherto unknown but historically proven indebtedness of literature to religion. Because of the magnitude of its contents and diversity of writers it discusses, it certainly qualifies to be read by scholars as well as by the general readers.

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Of Neem, Nidus and Olive : A Life / Dr Amanullah Khan  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020

104p.

9789693532999

1. Literature – Poetry.

\$ 50.00 / HB

716gm.

A collection of poetry by Dr. Amanullah Khan, illustrated by Agha Nisar.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749577>

Coloniality, Modernity and Urdu Literature / Nasir Abbas Nayyar  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020

260p.

9789693532944

1. Urdu Literature – Modern Urdu

\$ 35.00 / HB

552gm.

From the Foreword: This book contains my essays and reviews of Urdu books published, mostly, in The News on Sunday and some of them in Dawn. I began writing in English some four years ago, quite accidentally. What made me subscribe frequently to The News on Sunday particularly was the realisation that there was a dearth of writings in English on how Urdu literature had tackled the issue of modernity and coloniality. I believe modern Urdu literature cannot be understood and properly evaluated without taking stock of its nature of engagement with coloniality and its multiple forms. Colonial modernity is the proper context of modern Urdu literature. Modern Urdu poetry, fiction and criticism adopted and sometimes devised host of ways and strategies to confront colonial modernity ranging from assimilation to defying to refraining to corroborating. So, most of the essays, in one way or other, deal with the trinity of Urdu, modernity and coloniality. As all of these essays were written for newspapers so the author was bound to abide by the word limit set by the editors.

From Farah Zia (former editor *The News on Sunday*):  
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The Smile Snatchers : A Novella / Mian Raza Rabbani  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020  
118p.  
9789693532845  
1. Literature – Novella.  
\$ 30.00 / HB  
350gm.

Struggling artist Zaheer has always been captivated by the smiles of children. Then, one day, the afflicted children of the world begin to visit him in dreams and visions, trying to warn him about a calamity looming on the horizon. Worried that he is losing his sanity, Zaheer nevertheless tries to help them in the only way he knows: through his canvases. He is convinced that the unhappiness of these youngsters is a threat to the future of humanity. This absorbing tale of stolen smiles and the power of art is shot through with mystery and foreboding.

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The Tragic Vision / Razi Abedi  
Lahore: Sanjh Publications, 2020  
256p.  
9789695933107  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
234gm.

## Contents

1. Anti-Aristotelian Poetics of Brecht
2. The Dramatic Art of Maxim Gorky
3. Andalusian Traditions and Folklore in the Plays of Federico Garcia Lorca
4. The Existentialist Theatre of Sartre
5. Jonescos Theatre of the Absurd

6. Albee's American Walpurgisnacht and the Exorcism  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749580>

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The Void : Poems / Fakhar Zaman  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020  
128p.  
9789693532524

1. Literature – Poems.  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
236gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749581>

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Salt in Wounds : Poems of Kishwar Naheed – On Occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday / (Ed) Ali Kamran  
Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2020  
168p.  
English, Urdu  
9789693532807

1. Literature – Poetry.  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
174gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749582>

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## **Philosophy**

Two Candles of Peace : Dialogues of Peace, and Spirituality on  
Personal and Global Levels / Dr. K. Sohail & Dr. Kamran Ahmad  
Pakistan: Mehargarh: A Center for Learning & Greenzone Publishing,  
2020  
216p.  
9781927874370

1. Peace.  
2. Spirituality.  
3. Philosophy.  
\$ 25.00 / HB  
400gm.

The two candles bring light first into the personal level. This is the level of finding peace, resolution and integration within oneself. The second level has to do with bringing the light of that inner peace into the world around us. This is the level of interfacing with conflicts, injustice and violence on the societal and global levels. The two candles shine their light into the heart of the darkness within and the darkness around...

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## **Politics**

2018 – 2020 Two Years of Democracy in Pakistan : Scholarly View on Pakistan's Democracy : Two Years Democratic Journey : Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan : Pak-U.S. Relations / DR. Muhammad Ali Ehsan

Lahore: Peace Publication, 2021

xi, 252p.

9789697280353

\$ 50.00 / HB

508gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749584>

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## **Religion**

Finding Jesus is Finding Islam : Reply to Nabeel Qureshi's Book : Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus / Aamir Ibrahim al-Ash'ari

Lahore: Al-Haqaiq Publications, 2020

224p.

9789697943067

\$ 35.00 / HB

394gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749585>

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