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Art

Pakistan: Heaven on Earth / Gulraiz Ghouri
Pakistan: Gulraiz Ghouri (Self-Published), 2023
280p.
9786277657000
\$ 140.00 / HB
2066gm.

A true representation of Pakistan through the eyes of Gulraiz Ghouri.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847578>

Biography/Memoirs

Espionage of the Century: An Untold Story / Ambassador Zahid Said
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023
282p.
9693534646; 9789693534641
\$ 38.00 / HB
674gm.

A truthful account of the events that led to Pakistan's nuclear journey, from scratch to the final accomplishment, 'Espionage of the Century' by Ambassador (R) Zahid Said (1938-2020).

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Cookbooks

Companion to Pakistani Cuisine / (Ed) Shanaz Ramzi
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023
xiv, 198p.
9789697343096
\$ 29.95 / PB
392gm.

Pakistan's diverse cuisine has been influenced by its rich history and varied topography. With a cuisine that is at once as old as the most ancient civilization that once inhabited these lands and as young as the latest fast-food recipe downloaded from the Internet, Pakistani cuisine is constantly evolving. This book is the first of its kind in Pakistan and aims

to encompass all major aspects of Pakistan's culinary offerings. Through an exhaustive but meticulous selection of subjects and detailed entries on them by experts in their field, this encyclopaedia offers an insight into the gastronomic history and food ethos of Pakistan. The volume will serve as a valuable reference book on almost all the elements of Pakistani food, including people, places, events, historical data, and food culture. It draws on subjects like archaeology, history, botany, and anthropology. Providing a wealth of information on food materials and the cuisine of the country, it includes descriptions of dishes from across Pakistan, cooking techniques practiced, and ingredients and utensils commonly used.
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Ecology/Environmental Science

Environmental Ethics: Life Narratives from Kashmir and Palestine / Rabia Aamir
Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
xii, 456p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9789694026572
\$ 49.50 / HB
726gm.

Original, unique, and a significant addition to the humanities scholarship, this book illuminates the historical amnesia in the environmental movement and eco-thought in relation to ongoing violence of dispossession in the colonies of postcolonial states. Tracing the ecological ethics in Kashmir and Palestine while choosing to read personal narratives as cultural texts, Aamir's individual exegesis of these texts offers key contemporary imaginaries on eco-politics. Her book may be a good source to understand global anxieties about ecocide beyond the emerging postcolonial critique of environmentalism. She manages to challenge postcolonial eco-critique that has typically tended to train its focus more on global "developed" vs "third world" dynamic without disaggregating the postcolonial world itself along a logic of hierarchy.

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Economics

Pakistan Economic Challenges and Solutions / Ishrat Husain
Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
xii, 444p.
9789694026565
\$ 60.00 / HB
694gm.

Pakistan faces a multitude of economic challenges some of them man made and domestic and the other external and natural. There is very little disagreement on the diagnostics — weak institutions, low productivity. Low savings and investment, burgeoning burden of debt, Macroeconomic instability, poor human capital, indifferent bureaucracy, tough business climate, inefficiencies in energy sector etc. This volume consisting of fourteen chapters attempts to bring together at one place the well-known prescriptions and detailed solutions to address these challenges.

The main insight arising from this work is that a lot has been done to define the contents and the contours of reforms but the asymmetry in the accrual of losses and gains is the main stumbling block to their implementation. As losses are immediate, the losers are

identifiable, organized groups that agitate and resist the reforms eroding the political capital of the ruling party weakening their chances at electoral cycle. Successive governments have therefore found hardly any champions among the elected representatives. Given that the gains would occur sometime in distant future and would be diffused throughout the economy the credit for success would be preempted by the party in opposition in power at that time strengthening its chances of getting reelected. This disconnect between the timing of political and economic gains and losses thus leads to the maintenance of status quo.
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Education

Educational Leadership Policies and Practices: Voices from the Developing Countries / (Ed) Jan-e-Alam Khaki (et al.)
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023
xviii, 258p.
Includes Index
9780190706449
\$ 30.00 / PB
338gm.

Educational Leadership Policies and Practices highlights voices from different developing countries that echo the need for sustainable, enabling, and liberating educational leadership that will stimulate ideas and ideals to usher new ways of looking at old problems of educational leadership.

The chapters, largely, are based on original empirical field research, learnings drawn from applied research, and study of organizational learning. In addition, they are based on policy analysis and analytical deconstruction of the mind-boggling nuances of pedagogical, transformational, or transforming leadership theories.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847584>

De-Idealizing Cultural Orthodoxy / Syed Waqar Ali Shah
Lahore: Fiction House, 2019
160p.
9789695627068
\$ 20.00 / HB
270gm.

The book addresses social & academic issues such as understanding educational reforms, women empowerment, relation b/w science & religion, control & monopoly of knowledge, rethinking human relation in corporate culture and so on. The book is purely enlightening in nature & the need of the time.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847585>

History

Prisoner on a Bus: Travels Through Pakistan / Salman Rashid
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2003
200p.; Photos
9693515250; 9789693515251
1. History – Pakistan – Travels.
\$ 90.00 / HB

958gm.

A continuation of what Rashid began in "Riders on the Wind", this volume covers his writings between the years 1991 and 1997. Rashid shares with us parts of Pakistan's heritage that might be lost to us in a few years, some of which are already gone, including the house of Jahandad Khan, Zhob Valley Railway and the steam trains out of Malakwal. While his tone gives away the sorrow he feels at the loss of such important things, he has certainly played his part in bringing us closer to them. As he himself says, "Long after all these items are universally forgotten, they will remain in these pages for whoever may care to know about them". The volume is a wonderful piece of work on travels through Pakistan, and shall prove a worthy addition to anyone's collection.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847586>

Islamabad – Pothohar, Taxila Valley and Beyond: History and Monuments / Ihsan N. Nadiem
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2006

144p. ; Photos

Includes Select Bibliography

9789693519044

1. History – Islamabad.

2. Pakistan – History.

\$ 90.00 / HB

896gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847587>

Sindh Under the Mughals: Origin and Development of Historiography (1591-1737 CE) /
Humera Naz

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023

xxvi, 254p.

Includes Index; Select Bibliography

9780190701284

\$ 25.00 / PB

252gm.

[This] book is a major contribution to the history of Sindh, and consequently to that of Pakistan and South Asia. Beyond the excellence of the research, it must be emphasized that, if the reign of the Mughal rulers has been studied in detail, it is mainly in the imperial context, namely from the centres of power they had created and developed in northern India ... Dr Naz has shifted the focus, producing an innovative perspective on how the Mughals exercised power in territories relatively far from the imperial centres, but above all she reveals the leading role they played in developing historiography through the spread of several literary genres. Thus, Dr Naz's work renews the field of Mughal studies, but at the same time, it is much more than that. – Michel Boivin, Director, Centre for South Asian Studies, CNRS-EHESS, Paris

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847589>

The Charismatic Leader: Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and the Creation of Pakistan /
Sikandar Hayat

Second Revised Edition

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2022

xii, 404p.

9789697342747

\$ 30.00 / PB

408gm.

Based on the concept of charisma formulated by Max Weber and developed by recent writers, this second revised edition concentrates on 'personality-related' and 'situational' factors that led to the emergence of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah as the charismatic leader of Muslim India and sustained and strengthened him in that role to help create the separate state of Pakistan. While a few authors have dubbed Jinnah as a charismatic leader, hardly any one has defined or discussed the concept of charisma methodically or employed it systematically to analyse his charisma and charismatic leadership. In this sense, the present study is distinct and makes an original and unique contribution to the scholarly literature on Jinnah's political leadership. Dr Roger D. Long, a distinguished American historian on South Asia, thus acknowledged: 'Dr Hayat's analysis of Jinnah as a charismatic figure fills an important lacuna in the field'. Hence, this study will help interested, informed readers to see Jinnah in a new, fuller, and refreshing light. They will see a new Jinnah: The Charismatic Leader!

The first edition of the book received the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's 'Best Book Publication Award' in Social Sciences and Humanities (2011).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847590>

Deconstructing Hegemony: Contemporary Middle East Literature, Theory, and
Historiography / Eman El-Meligi

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2020

xviii, 148p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9780199408467

\$ 25.00 / PB

154gm.

Deconstructing Hegemony is mainly informed by the deconstructionist approach, as it unravels literature, theory, and history writing, in addition to ideology, lexicon, media, and politics. The readings are also informed by, among others, Michel Foucault, Edward Said, Abdelwahab Elmessiri, and Noam Chomsky. Deconstruction, or questioning oppositions, as the recurrent approach, pairs with contrapuntalism or counterpoint; epistemology or theory of knowledge; hermeneutics or interpretation; ecocriticism or literature and nature; geopolitics; cartography or map-drawing; demography or population; marginalization or minority studies; as well as normalizing discourse or stigmatizing difference or any deviation from 'set' standards. In Part I of this book, El-Meligi analyses case studies in deconstructive literature by comparing works of Eastern and Western authors such as David Grossman, Mourid Barghouti, and Louise Erdrich. Part II probes deconstructive theory, philosophy, historiography, and lexicon that pertain to the geopolitical term, the Middle East. Among the writers analysed are Chomsky, Pappé, and Finkelstein.

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Linguistics

Languages of Northern Pakistan: Essays in Memory of Carla Radloff / (Eds) Joan L. G. Baart,
Henrik Liljegren & Thomas E. Payne

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2022.

xii, 554p.

Includes Index

9780199406609

\$ 40.00 / PB

594gm.

This book is a unique collection of papers on the languages and cultures in the northern areas of Pakistan and the surrounding regions. In a single volume, the editors have compiled the work of a variety of national and international scholars, long concerned with the linguistic aspects of the many languages discussed here. The basis for most of the articles is material collected in areas difficult to access, presented here in print for the first time. The material sometimes concerns languages likely to soon disappear. The different chapters reflect many of the complex regions and languages of northern Pakistan and its surrounding areas, thus being of interest to linguistic scholars across the world. This volume is dedicated to the memory of Carla Radloff, who was a well-known contributor to studies of the languages of northern Pakistan until her untimely death in 2012.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847592>

Literature

History, Memory, Fiction: New Dimensions in Contemporary Pakistani and Kashmiri Writings
/ David Waterman

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023

xii, 156p.

Includes Index.

9780190708825

\$ 25.00 / PB

214gm.

History, Memory, Fiction proposes an examination of several contemporary novels and memoirs of leading Pakistani and Kashmiri writers, considering them as historical fiction, in other words as works that are based on real-world facts, but as fiction are able to go further in creating what have been called 'possible worlds', ultimately creating a plausible story that might well be a true story. By blurring the frontier between history and fiction, unconstrained by concerns of referential 'truth', these novels and memoirs are able to provide us with fresh insights and moral orientation while suggesting that the past—which is not the same as history—must be given meaning in our present if we wish to create better possible futures. Thus, these writers are engaged in active social critique, providing readers with a broader perspective of historical consciousness.

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Politics/International Relations

Nawaz Sharif Under Siege / Zahid Hussain

Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

xiv, 386p.

9789694026343

\$ 65.00 / HB

630gm.

Nawaz Sharif has the unique distinction of being elected as the country's prime minister for a record three times. But each time he was removed unceremoniously half way through his term. He was elected to the country's highest political office for the third time in 2013 general elections.

But he remained in perpetual conflict with the military. That mostly had to do with past baggage of mutual distrust. It was difficult for Sharif to let go of events following the 1999

coup, when he was taken out of the Prime Minister's House, handcuffed and put on trial for treason.

The confrontation turned more ominous with Sharif's decision to put military ruler and his nemesis General Musharraf on trial on treason charges. Civil and military tensions cast a huge shadow over the country's political landscape throughout that period. The unfolding of the Panama Papers scandal brought his downfall. A major consequence of the 'Panamagate' scandal was the changing balance of power among various branches of the state that influenced the political course of the country.

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Engaging Secularism: Limits of a Promise / Tarik Jan
Lahore: University of Management and Technology Press, 2017

408p.

Includes Index

9789699368147

\$ 35.00 / PB

580gm.

"Engaging Secularism" is an intellectual and civilizational triumph that puts forth a solid case against the Western practice of promoting atheism under the garb of secularism. Through clear arguments and the author's unrelenting belief in religion, it rips apart the romantic shroud around secularism and proves that stability cannot prevail without an amalgamation of divinity and federation.

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Pakistan Left Review: Then and Now / (Eds) Nadir Cheema & Stephen M. Lyon
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2022

xii, 286p.

Includes Index

9789697341535

\$ 35.00 / PB

324gm.

This volume places the spotlight on an important moment in history. The late 1960s was a time of profound change around the world, and the contributions included here from Pakistan's leftist intellectuals based in London, speak volumes about the implications of the turbulence and the promise for a better future in relation to Pakistan. More than five decades on, the promise of a better tomorrow looks as far away as ever, but the turbulence has returned with a vengeance. The newly written contributions reflect on the significance of this leftist journal at the time and the impact of those ideas and discourses on the politics that came to be.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846502>

Cricket in Pakistan: Nation, Identity, and Politics / Ali Khan
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2022

xxii, 286p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9780190708849

\$ 30.00 / PB

322gm.

This book seeks to provide unique insights into the social, cultural, and political changes that Pakistan has experienced since its birth in 1947. These changes are examined through

an analysis of Pakistan cricket and its changing contours with the premise that Pakistan cricket (including the cricketers, administrators, fans, and the nature of Pakistan cricket) is a reflection of society itself and that issues such as match-fixing, religiosity, and cricketing innovation are indicative of wider societal trends in politics, religion, and corruption. Simultaneously, cricket has also affected politics, economics, and society in Pakistan. The book examines how profoundly cricket in Pakistan influences culture, politics, and society and how it is in turn influenced by the wider social and political context within which it is embedded. An analysis of cricket, therefore, allows a unique insight into wider societal trends in politics and international relations, race, religion, corruption, cultural change, and globalization.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847597>

Religion-Islam

True Face!!! / Muhammad Munir Ahmad

Lahore: Aiwan-E-Ilm-O-Fann, 2023

296p.

9786277575090

PKR 1500.00 / HB

408gm

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847598>

Sociology

Reimagining Policing in Pakistan: Problems and Prospects of Change, Innovation and Reform
/ J. J. Baloch

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2022

284p.

Includes Bibliography

9789692105217

\$ 40.00 / HB

528gm.

Reimagining Policing in Pakistan: Problems & Prospects of Change, Innovation & Reform embarks upon finding the answer to the question as to 'why and how transforming police-for-the-government into police-for-the-people has become a significant goal and existential challenge for struggling democracy in Pakistan'. The author, Mr. J. J. Baloch, being a veteran police officer and an accomplished author, adventures this task. Primarily, 'Reimagining Policing in Pakistan' aims at examining the possibilities and prospects of transforming policing in the 21st century Pakistan. Book follows the doctrinal approach, inductive reasoning, and the Harvard referencing pattern. Drawing on theory, law, jurisprudence, scholarship, and participant observation by the author, this discourse makes a case for postmodern strategic policing for Pakistan. The author argues that the strategic model allows margins to adopt diversified strategies to accommodate various requirements, conditioned by cultural, social, economic political, and civil factors from a given perspective.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847599>
