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Art

Gilgit Baltistan: Pakistan's Beauty and Majesty / Irfan Mirza
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2022
1v.
9789692100823
\$ 120.00 / HB
904gm.

The photographs in this book take our spirit and our eyes to the heights of captivation taller than all the peaks. this is a spellbinding tribute to nature, the magic of Gilgit-Baltistan and Pakistan. a summit of achievement by Irfan Mirza.

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The Lore of Lahore: A Nostalgic Journey Through Time via Vintage Postcards and Old Photographs / Safdar Nensey
Goa, India: Cinnamon Teal Design and Publishing, 2019
168p.
9789387676824
\$ 75.00 / HB
908gm.

The lore of Lahore encompasses my nostalgic journey through time using vintage postcards and photographs handpicked from my collection. this book is not a historical dissertation. it is a simple compilation of vintage postcards and old photographs of various Mughal and British era monuments – or “the monuments of glory” as I like to call them it also includes some early. post-independence visuals. the book is interlaced with brief text instead of tedious sojourns. it is not intended to serve as any sort of travelers' guide to Lahore or a researched history book, but only a glimpse into the almost forgotten past once you have taken the nostalgic journey. you will surely appreciate the majesty of a gone-by era admittedly, this book is more information-centered and could be used as the basis for a more analytical, synchronic effort by scholars and academics.

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Biography/Memoirs

Daska to United Nations: Realization of Dreams with Faith and Sustained Struggle /
Muhammad Aslam Mughal
Lahore: Book Home, 2022
312p.

9696670407; 9789696670407
\$ 50.00 / HB
654gm.

DASKA TO UNITED NATIONS is an autobiography as well as a travelogue. Its narration is very fluent and cogent; and describes the historical events of the countries, in detail, visited by Aslam during his journey of life. It is highly informative and educative and will provide an incentive to the readers to adopt normative values and resort to sustained arduous work to achieve their desired targets in life successively. I strongly feel that such autobiographies should be widely available to the people, especially the younger generations, by adding them in the libraries of educational institutions and public libraries.

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Couldn't Have Been Better: My Life Story / Major General Syed Mustafa Answer Hussain
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2015 (Reprint 2021)
xviii, 570p.
Include Index
9789696370628
\$ 50.00 / HB
712gm.

Couldn't Have Been Better – My Life Story by Major General Syed Mustafa Anwer Husain is a very interesting and enjoyable book to read, written by the author primarily for his family members to serve as a record with them of their elders. It will also benefit a few senior and junior officers to understand how to conduct themselves in different situations. Other readers can amuse themselves with numerous anecdotes that appear in the book. The author mentions the contribution of his parents on being awarded scholarships for further studies at Oxford University, England. Consequently, the author was born in Oxford, which subsequently enabled him to apply for dual nationality after he retired from the Army. On return to Hyderabad-Deccan in India, his parents ensured that his early childhood was not neglected due to the absence of proper schools in the districts where his father served.

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Face to Face With Benazir / Zahid Hussain
Karachi: Lightstone Publishers, 2023
235p.
9789697162574
\$ 40.00 / HB
328gm.

The story begins in 1986 when Benazir Bhutto returned home to lead her party's struggle against the military dictatorship of General Zia ul-Haq and ends in her tragic assassination in 2007. Zahid Hussain enjoyed a long association with Benazir Bhutto as a journalist and got the rare opportunity to observe her political journey up close. Face to Face with Benazir is a compilation of interviews of Benazir Bhutto by Zahid Hussain published in the Herald and Newline magazines from 1986 to 2002. They provide rare insights into Benazir's thoughts and struggles during her tumultuous life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851781>

"If I Am Assassinated..." / Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
Lahore: Bhutto Legacy Foundation, 2019
276p.
\$ 30.00 / HB

380gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851782>

History

Blind Spots In Pakistan's History / Asim Imdad Ali

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023

260p.

9789693534825

\$ 50.00 / HB

542gm.

This book narrates some of the enduring fallacies and flawed philosophies (blind spots) of our elites that prevent us from joining virtuous cycles of growth and development. The book does not restrict itself to being a catalog of political follies and historical fallacies but also offers multiple solutions that could help reinvigorate our fast-eroding cultural and political commons and possibly reverse the engulfing tide of social entropy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851783>

Azmari Da Ghrono – The Mountain Lions: History of the Frontier Corps, Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa / Colonel Azam Qadri (Rtd)

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2018

xvi, 532p.

9789692100663

\$ 70.00 / HB

854gm.

The glorious history of Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is marked by the brave sons of the soil, who are born to this inhospitable terrain, live a soldier's rugged life, and fade away through martyrdom while inscribing the untold stories of traditional valour and heroism. These traditions of bravery, honor, and warmth are not only specific to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but also define the lifestyle of Frontier Corps soldiers as well as units. Today, little over a century of its establishment. Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stands as a force proud of its glorious history, abundant sacrifices, rich traditions, and remarkable fighting potential.

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Historical Archives of Kasur: From 500 BC to 2022 AD / Amjad Zafar Ali

Lahore: Lahore Shanasi Publications, 2023

332p.

Includes Bibliography

9786277656058

\$ 50.00 / HB

530gm.

This book includes reliable sources and images about Kasur's 2000-year-long detailed history with 70 years of Sikh rule over Kasur, the author has explicitly addressed Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh cultural history in this book. The book contains a list of numerous well-known individuals, locations, specialties, and family members that left Kasur for India in 1947. The pages of history that have been hidden until now are revealed by reading this book.

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Politics

Imran Khan: Myth of the Pakistani Middle-Class / Nadeem Farooq Paracha

Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2023

136p.

9789694026596

\$ 40.00 / HB

388gm.

During last decade's upsurge in the fortunes of populist politics in numerous countries, Imran Khan emerged as its central figure in Pakistan. Globally, Khan never became as prominent in this context as his populist contemporaries such as Donald Trump, Jair Bolsonaro, Narendra Modi, Boris Johnson and Viktor Orbán. But he was very much a product of the populist wave that began to sweep across various regions from 2010 onwards. In *Imran Khan: Myth of the Pakistani Middle-Class*, Nadeem Farooq Paracha explores the political, social and historical factors that led to Khan's rise and his eventful fall as a politician. In so doing, Paracha also scrutinises the political and social dynamics of Khan's core constituency, the urban middle-classes. He demonstrates how these classes have continued to sabotage their own political interests due to their stubborn search for 'strongmen'.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851786>

The Security Imperative: Pakistan's Nuclear Deterrence and Diplomacy / Zamir Akram

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2023

xxxviii, 466p.

9789692109178

\$ 55.00 / HB

760gm.

Zamir has given a masterly account of nuclear South Asia, and the pressures and impediments in the evolution of Pakistan's nuclear programme till it became a reality. A must-read book for all policymakers, strategists and especially the youth of Pakistan. – Riaz H Khokhar, Former Pakistan Foreign Secretary

Based on personal experience during a foreign service career dealing with China, Russia, India, the US and the UN and using primary sources as well as interviews with key officials, Zamir Akram has highlighted the crucial role played by Pakistani scientists, diplomats and soldiers for the attainment of nuclear deterrence. – Shamshad Ahmad, Former Pakistan Foreign Secretary

Zamir Akram's rich and impressively detailed book is an indispensable guide to the development of Pakistan's nuclear deterrent and nuclear rivalry with India, one of the most important relationships in the world today. – Dr Anatol Lieven, Author of *Pakistan: A Hard Country*

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851787>

Social and Political Concerns in Pakistan and India: Critical Conversations for College Students / Anjum Altaf

Karachi: Lightstone Publishers, 2023

352p.

9789697162062

\$ 40.00 / HB

444gm.

Aside from a shared history and culture, there are many contemporary political and social issues that are common to Pakistan and India – the answers to which shall have an indelible impact on the future of the subcontinent. In such a landscape, it is a matter of concern that there is so little exchange of opinion on these issues leading to a widening gulf of misperceptions and misunderstandings. The essays compiled in the book aim to bridge that gap and, at the same time, provide an opportunity for critical reflection on shared aspects of our past, present and future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851788>

From Survival to Identity: Pakistan Centric Hindutva Politics (2014-2022) / Dr. Muhammad Farooq

Pakistan: Dr. Muhammad Farooq, 2023

298p.

Includes Bibliography

9789692385206

\$ 50.00 / HB

1008gm.

The book is based on Dr. Muhammad Farooq PhD thesis which was structured in book form in order to highlight the rising Hindu nationalism under the current Modi's government. It focuses on how Hindu nationalism changed its orientation from survival crisis to identity and later to find its divine right to emerge as a regional and global power. To consolidate the gains, it focused on relegating Pakistan which is considered prime enemy of Hindu nation. The book provides sequential development of all the events between 2014-2022.

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Sociology

Reproductive, Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition in Pakistan: Opportunities For Change / (Ed) Zulfiqar A Bhutta

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2013

x, 238p.

Includes Index

9789694949291

\$ 30.00 / HB

524gm.

Pakistan stands at major crossroads today concerning health and development. Although progress has been made in devolving health to the provinces, the operational implementation of the well-meaning transfer of resources and responsibilities has been slow and variable. This book is a comprehensive evaluation of several critical areas of maternal and child health and evidence-based solutions.

This book, appearing a decade after the first review in 2002, makes a compelling case for continued investments in this area and non-partisan policy attention for years to come.

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