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Biography/Memoirs

A Bank Is Born / Nadeem Hussain
Karachi, Pakistan: Liberty Publishing, 2023
xv, 138p.
9786277626082
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175gm.

Through his edifying autobiography, Nadeem Hussain, a path-breaking banker and entrepreneur shares the success stories of two of his major achievements: Tameer Microfinance Bank and Easypaisa. To readers, it serves as both, a memoir and a business case study. A visionary and venturesome entrepreneur, Nadeem Hussain is out-and-out innovative. With his incisive business insights, he targets Pakistan's youth - 80 % of the unbanked population, to bring about monumental changes in the world of microfinance and banking.

About the Author: Nadeem Hussain, founder and coach of his latest venture Planet N, aims to catalyse the next wave of tech entrepreneurship in Pakistan. Planet N group of companies focuses on financial inclusion and facilitation of entrepreneurship in Pakistan through technology and has added 40 companies to its portfolio across e-commerce, fintech, edutech, mobile television, retail and renewable energy. However, his vision does not end there. He continues to promote the causes of financial inclusion by unbuilding conventional banking and digitising all 6 verticals to financially include the 80% of the unbanked population.

Nadeem Hussain has had an illustrious banking experience of 30 years working in various senior management positions in major financial centres of the world. However, he has always had a passion for making a difference. He has been globally recognised for his dedication and service to financial inclusion in Pakistan as the founder and ex-CEO of Tameer Bank and Easypaisa that has impacted millions of Pakistanis by extending credit, insurance and mobile banking solutions to a large segment of the unbanked population.

Apart from his corporate career, Nadeem Hussain believes in giving back to the community and has demonstrated this by being heavily involved in pro-bono work.

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The Path I Made: A Memoir / Tasnim Ahsan
Pakistan: Lightstone Publishers, 2024
423p.
9789697162116
\$ 50.00 / HB
585gm.

The Path I Made: A Memoir records the extraordinary journey of Dr Tasnim Ahsan culminating in her role of the first female Director of Pakistan's largest state hospital, JPMC. Narrated against the backdrop of Partition, the fall of Dacca and of the binding power of family and friends, it is also the story of the spirit of the Pakistani nation. Prof. Durriya Kazi, educationist and artist Being a woman in a Pakistani society is never easy. With crippling honesty, Dr Tasnim Ahsan takes her readers on a personal, at times painful journey sharing the highs and lows of her personal and professional life. But it is a life well lived, never the lesson her own terms with grace and gravitas, while balancing relationships. Zofeen T Ebrahim, journalist

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869018>

Making of a Chief Surgeon / Dr. Mohsin Mighiana
Faisalabad, Pakistan: Sangry Publications, 2023
232p.
9789697770182
\$ 35.00 / PB

250gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869019>

The Four Dervishes of Lahore: Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Dr Nazir Ahmad, Shakir Ali, Abdullah Malik / Humair Hashmi
Lahore, Pakistan: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2016

134p.

9789693529333

1. Biography – Essays.

\$ 30.00 / HB

280gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=238681>

History

Pakistan Under Nawaz Sharif 1997-1999: Kargil Coup – Reportage, Comment, Analysis / Najam Sethi

Pakistan: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd., 2024

xxxiii, 494p.

9789694026671

\$ 75.00 / HB

775gm.

This book covers the tumultuous second term of Nawaz Sharif that was cut short by the October Coup in 1999 which installed General Pervez Musharraf in power.

It tells the inside story of how Sharif stripped President Farooq Leghari of his powers under Article 58-2B of the constitution, how he conspired with a clutch of Supreme Court judges to oust the Chief Justice, Sajjad Ali Shah, how he launched his "victimization" drive to put political oppositionists into prison, and then made a bid to become Amir ul Momineen standing above parliament.

The momentous decision for "tit-for-tat" atomic tests was taken despite American pressure to desist, followed by a freezing of all foreign currency accounts and a round of sanctions by the international community.

Undeterred, Sharif launched his "bus diplomacy" initiative to build fences with the Indian Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, even as the military establishment was opposed to it and secretly planning the Kargil adventure. The end-game came in the autumn of 1999 after Sharif's dash to Washington to persuade President Bill Clinton to negotiate an extraction of Pakistan's military forces from Kargil, following which "humiliation" he determined to sack General Musharraf for the debacle. The "hijacking" of General Musharraf's plane from the air culminated in a counter coup that brought the military back into the saddle for another decade.

This is a breathless account of, and unique commentary on, those three fateful years that set the fitful ten year democratic revival in the 1990s back for a full decade.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869020>

Lahore @ Partition: Violence, Cross-Migration, and Regeneration 1947-1961 / Adnan Tariq

Lahore, Pakistan: Vanguard Books, 2024

xiv, 256p.

Include Bibliography.

9789694026633

\$ 55.00 / HB

540gm.

This book provides a comprehensive perspective on violence, distinguishing it from prior literature that often leans towards assigning blame to one of the involved parties.

— Muhammad Iqbal Chawla —

University of the Punjab, Lahore

With a deft utilization of archival sources and a seamless integration of secondary materials, the author crafts a narrative that stands distinct from any previously explored. A particularly intriguing facet of this research lies in the foregrounding of indigenous voices, shedding light on how the people of Lahore navigated the turbulent aftermath of partition.

— Tahir Kamran —

Beaconhouse National University, Lahore

With a comprehensive exploration of the city's journey through Partition, the tumultuous communal conflicts, and subsequent regeneration, this work stands as a significant scholarly contribution. The author's in-depth analysis illuminates the complex dynamics of violence during Partition, migration, and socio-political change, painting a vivid portrait of Lahore's resilience in the face of adversity.

— Hussain Ahmad Khan —

Institute of Global and Historical Studies, Government College University, Lahore

There are two main strengths of the research study; first, the use of local sources, like FIRs, revenue records and vernacular literature and, second, a common man's perspective.

— Faraz Anjum —

University of the Punjab, Lahore

The author's forays into the processes of "cross migration" and "patterns of migrant settlement" lend further depth to the study. On top of this, the non-partisan approach of the author will make it worth reading for general readers and scholars across South Asia.

— Irfan Waheed Usmani —

History Department, GCU Lahore

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869021>

Same Page: Paksitan Under Imran Khan 2018-2022 – Report, Comment, Analysis / Najam Sethi

Lahore, Pakistan: Vanguard Books, 2024

xxxiv, 586p.

9789694026657

\$ 75.00 /HB

895gm.

This is a blow by blow account of the Imran Khan regime 2018-2022 that promised so much and delivered so little.

The "IK story" began in 2011 when Pakistan's military establishment determined to secure a political alternative to the dynastic Bhutto-Sharif regimes that had alternated for over two decades. In 2014, the military prodded Imran to launch his narrative of "35 punctures", a reference to the alleged "theft" of the 2013 elections that brought Nawaz Sharif to office. Winding its way through various long marches and dharmas to destabilise the Sharif regime, it roped in the Supreme Court under two Chief Justices of Pakistan, Saqib Nisar and Asif Khosa, to knock out Nawaz and culminated in the 2018 elections that were blatantly rigged to "select" Imran into office.

This book charts Imran's rise and fall, starting from the "Same Page" narrative of a firm partnership between Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Army Chief, Qamar Javed Bajwa, that propped up his regime, to the time in 2021 when the same doctrine was abandoned after it became an acute embarrassment for the military and its chief.

Interwoven into the fabric of Imran's demagogic politics was the ruthless ambition of two generals, one of whom sought an extension in tenure (COAS General Bajwa) and the other an elevation to the post of army chief (DG-ISI General Faiz Hameed). In the event, this unholy team couldn't manipulate the system to achieve its ends.

This book charts the monthly miscalculations of Khan's regime in the summer of 2021 after the transfer of General Faiz Hameed from the ISI to the Peshawar Corps, enabling the combined opposition to cobble the wherewithal of a successful No-Confidence Motion in April 2022 that finally felled Imran Khan.

This book is an indispensable read for students of political science and history who wish to understand how even the best laid institutional plans of powerful people fall by the wayside at that altar of personal ambition.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869022>

Forts of Sindh / Ishtiaq Ansari

Karachi, Pakistan: Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of the Heritage of Sindh, 2022

xii, 250p.

Include Index

9789699860386

\$ 80.00 / HB

1345gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869023>

Islamabad: Pothohar, Taxila Valley & Beyond: History & Monuments / Ihsan H. Nadiem

Lahore, Pakistan: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2006

144p.

Include Bibliography

9789693519044

\$ 70.00 / HB

905gm

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

Karachi Glory Of The East / Gul Hassan Kalmatti, (Translated) Dr Amjad Siraj Memon
Karachi, Pakistan: Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of the Heritage of Sindh, 2022
xvi, 386p.

Include Index & Bibliography

9789699860416

\$ 150.00 / HB

1655gm.

This book is the history of the development of the Karachi region through the centuries compiled from oral and archival sources from the metropolitan records and field research. This comprehensive work is a lifetime achievement of the author who has written many books on the history and geography of Karachi and other aspects of this megacity that has evolved from a small port during at least the last six centuries.

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Literature

In The Land Of The Pure / Kenize Mourad

Karachi, Pakistan: Lightstone Publishers, 2024

313p.

9789697162802

\$ 30.00 / PB

310gm.

In the Land of the Pure is a geopolitical thriller set in Pakistan, the only Muslim country to possess an atomic bomb which worries the Western governments and secret services. Could one of the terrorist groups in the country use it to threaten the world at large? Anne le Guennec, a French woman reporter is sent to investigate these strategic questions. She discovers a beautiful and complex country quite different from the image it has outside. Alongside feudalism and obscurantism, she finds the country to be modern and sophisticated – with its art galleries, theatres, fashion shows and cafes. Not exactly the black hole populated by bearded men and veiled women that is portrayed to the world.

She also discovers the ‘great game’ of the 21st century – a muffled yet ferocious conflict between the United States and China for supremacy in this region – at the crossroads of the principal petroleum routes and rich in rare metals.

During her investigations, Anne meets colourful characters – an intrepid old begum, a dancer and activist for women’s rights and also Karim, an ambiguous theatre man who fascinates her. But while she seeks to penetrate fundamentalist groups and obtain an interview with a leader, she falls into a death trap.

Will the mysterious Karim be able to save her? Karim who loves Pakistan madly and keeps a dangerous secret.

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Oral Stories From Punjab / Mian Kamal Din, (Translations) Mushtaq Soofi & Atia Shirazi

Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation, 2024

173p.

9789693715026

\$ 25.00 / HB

350gm.

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Politics

The Ritual of Elections In Pakistan (1970-2018): A Process Without A Product / Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani

Karachi, Pakistan: Lightstone Publishers, 2024

xxxiii, 256p.

9789697162819

\$ 40.00 / HB

420gm.

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In Pursuit Of An Ethical State: Reflections of a Police Chief / Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam

Islamabad, Pakistan: National Book Foundation, 2023

332p.

9789693714999

\$ 45.00 / HB

415gm.

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Hostile Homelands: The New Alliance Between India and Israel / Azad Essa

Karachi, Pakistan: Liberty Publishing, 2023

xii, 225p.

Include Index

9786277626143

\$ 35.00 / PB

210gm.

Under Narendra Modi, India has changed dramatically. As the world attempts to grapple with its trajectory towards authoritarianism and 'Hindutva' (Hindu Nationalism), little attention has been paid to the linkages between Modi's India and the governments from which it has drawn inspiration, as well as military and technical support.

India once called Zionism racism, but, as Azad Essa argues, the state of Israel has increasingly become a cornerstone of India's foreign policy. Looking to replicate the 'ethnic state' in the image of Israel in policy and practice, the annexation of Kashmir increasingly resembles Israel's settler-colonial project of the occupied West Bank. The ideological and political linkages between the two states are alarming; their brands of ethnonationalism are deeply intertwined. Hostile Homelands puts India's relationship with Israel in its historical context, looking at the origins of Zionism and Hindutva; India's changing position on Palestine; and the countries' growing military-industrial relationship from the 1990s. Lucid and persuasive, Essa demonstrates that the India-Israel alliance spells significant consequences for democracy, the rule of law, and justice worldwide.

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Religion - Islam

Cryptocurrencies & Shariah Law: Solving A Puzzle Through Knowledge / Prof Dr Hussain Mohi-Ud-Din Qadri

Lahore, Pakistan: International Centre of Research in Islamic Economics (ICRIE), 2023

x, 188p.

Include Index

9781913553708

\$ 35.00 / PB

270gm.

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the topic, from the technological advancements that led to the rise of cryptocurrencies to the intricacies of Shariah Law.

This book will serve as a guide for Muslims who are interested in investing in cryptocurrencies and facilitate a constructive dialogue between different stakeholders such as regulators, scholars, academicians, tech developers and policymakers.

The book serves as a platform for constructive dialogue between Shariah scholars and proponents of cryptocurrencies, facilitating a deeper understanding of the issues at hand and the potential solutions.

Can a currency be issued privately, or it is only the concern of authorities?

Can one fatwa or one opinion universally apply to all kinds of cryptocurrencies?

What is the Shariah status of different types of digital currencies?

This book addresses these and many other puzzled questions.

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Spiritual Heritage of Pakistan: Sufi Poetry in Folk Idiom / Fateh Muhammad Malik

Lahore, Pakistan: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2022

136p.

9789693534078

1. Islam – Pakistan – Poetry.

\$ 25.00 / HB

320gm.

Islamic mysticism is known as Sufism. Almost at the same time, in the thirteenth century, Muslim mystics migrated from the heartlands of Islam to various regions of present Pakistan. They sang of the divine love and grace and most of the people were converted to Islam under the influence of their teachings

transmitted through the subtle medium of poetry. From that time onward Sufi concept of love remains popular in Pakistan. Even today their shrines are a favourite haunt of the teeming millions.

Sufi poetry is one of the most fascinating aspects of Pakistani folklore. The saint poets sang of the Sufi love in not only the highly cultivated languages like Persian and Urdu but also in the regional languages and dialects. These local variations on the theme of universal Sufi love constitute the subject of my study.

Fateh Muhammad Malik is a scholar of international repute. He has authored more than two dozen books on men and matters and has published several articles in journals of international repute. Until recently he was the Rector of the International Islamic University, Islamabad. Before this, he was the Chairman of National Language Authority (NLA). Prior of joining the NLA, Prof. Malik was Director the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. He was the Iqbal Distinguished Professor at the University of Heidelberg, Germany (1984-88 & 1992-96) and the South Asia Fellow at Columbia University, New York (1974).

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Milad Celebrations In Delhi And Lahore: Popular Visual Islamic Culture of South Asia / Ghulam Abbas
Lahore, Pakistan: Tarikh Publications, 2023

288p.

Include Index

9789699147166

\$ 40.00 / HB

565gm.

Ghulam Abbas is an Associate Professor at the University of Sialkot's Faculty of Textile and Fashion Design. He has also worked at GIFT University in Gujranwala and Superior University in Lahore. He has a diverse academic background, having received a BFA and MFA in Textile Design from the University of Peshawar, an MA (Hons.) in Visual Art from the National College of Arts in Lahore, and learned the traditional art of Khattati (calligraphy) during his high school years. His study interests include the history of fashion, the practice and history of calligraphy, Muslim devotional arts, and popular visual Islamic culture in South Asia, which he formalized in his PhD (2014) from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India. He previously published Tazias of Chiniot in 2007. He has also developed an interest in short story writing.

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The Constitution of Medina & The Concept of the Welfare State [Vol 1 - 2] (A Comparative Analysis of the Constitution of Medina and Contemporary Western Constitutions) / Dr Hassan Mohi-Ud-Din Qadri

Lahore, Pakistan: Minhaj-ul-Quran Publications, 2024

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\$ 100.00 (Set) / HB

1685gm.

In-Depth & Insightful Analysis of The book by Dr Hassan Mohi-ud-Din Qadri, An Expert in Islamic Law and the Constitution of Medina

The Constitution of Medina & The Concept of the Welfare State [Introduction and Salient Features]

(A Comparative Analysis of the Constitution of Medina and Contemporary Western Constitutions)

The Constitution of Medina, the first written constitution in the world, is not only unique in its distinction, but also a manifestation of the highest constitutional qualities in terms of its content. If the Constitution of Medina is analysed in the light of modern constitutional standards and regulations, then all the basic qualities that should be in an ideal constitution are seen in the Constitution of Medina.

On this subject, Dr Hassan Mohi-ud-Din Qadri has written a voluminous book titled "The Constitution of Medina & The Concept of the Welfare State (A Comparative Analysis of the Constitution of Medina and Contemporary Western Constitutions)" in two volumes with 1,100 pages approximately. This unique research has also been published in Arabic and Urdu. This book has a total of 7 chapters:

1. Introduction: Formation of Western and Islamic Political Law
2. The Authentic Medinan Charter—Its Text, Articles, and the Evaluation of its Narrators
3. Analysis of the Medinan Constitution
4. The Forming of a State in the Medinan Constitution and Modern-Day Legislations
5. The General Principles of Governance in the Medinan Constitution and the Modern Legislations
6. Human Rights in the Constitution of Medina and Modern Legislations
7. State Powers between the Medinan Charter and Modern Constitutions

By comparing the Constitution of Medina with modern constitutions, it has been made clear that the Constitution of Medina covers all the details, including the nature and status of the state, the constitutional status of the individuals of the state, the rights and duties of the state, the rights and duties of the citizens of the state and other state matters. This is a unique work of its kind in the history of Islam on this subject.

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Sociology

Feminisms Of Our Mothers: Essays From Pakistan / Daanika Kamal

Karachi, Pakistan: Liberty Publishing, 2023

235p.

9786277626174

\$ 30.00 / PB

240gm.

What does feminism mean for Pakistani women? How do these meanings change, mould, detract and attract within and between generations? And how do we bridge the cracks that emerge through these varying formations? Through reflective conversations of the joys and conflicts of mother-daughter relationships, the contributions in *Feminisms of Our Mothers* bring forth individual experiences and interpretations of how feminisms are understood and navigated by Pakistani women, within the intergenerational context of a shared struggle.

Some of our mothers marched the streets in the 1980s, demanding the emancipation of women. Three decades later, they accompanied their daughters to Aurat March, reflecting on past formations, present collectives and feminist futures. Some of our mothers made concessions in their acceptance of traditional gender roles, forming conflictual relationships with daughters who pushed the boundaries of propriety. Some of our mothers may not refer to themselves as feminist, differing from their daughters about the significance and implications of labels. Yet, the subtleties of our mothers' adaptabilities are centered on women's empowerment. Situated amongst these subtleties are moments of consciousness and self-determination that we, as daughters, navigate through, as we limn the contours of our own feminist formations.

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