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Gateway to Serenity : The Karakoram Highway : A Travel Journal / Naba Basar
Gufhtugu Publications, Islamabad 2018

80 p.
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200 gm.

Gateway to Serenity is a book about my journey of discoveries and sweet victories of learning to navigate culture and language, finding my love for the outdoors, and the heart-warming kindness of the locals. I knew my life would never be the same; something in me had changed and a city life would never be enough. I needed to chase beautiful sunsets, wildflower forest trails, vibrant cultures, fruit orchards and food bursting with distinctive flavours. It was absolutely essential to my sanity to step out of my comfort zone – gaining more independence, enhancing my communication skills, challenging my fears and insecurities. Traveling seems to give me a near constant adrenaline rush. When traveling it is not always smooth sailing, but the bumps along the road really help you to discover what you want out of travel, and what you don't want.

This travel journal is about my first trip to Gilgit Baltistan – the most spectacular region of Pakistan, known for its geography, scenic beauty and majestic mountains. It is about what I learned, and the experiences I had. It is a collection of adventures, stories, memories and discovery.

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Seoul's Historic Walks in Sketches / Jang Hee Lee (Ed)

Seoul Selection, USA 2018
344p.
9781624121111
\$ 42.00 / null
800 gm.

Like a photographer who waits to catch perfect light, Janghee Lee takes long looks at interesting places in Seoul and captures the details with honesty and passion. —Robert J. Fouser, writer of Hanok: The Korean House
Janghee Lee renders this perpetually changing, seemingly incomprehensible metropolis legible through realistically detailed, imaginative sketches. —Colin Marshall, essayist for Guardian Cities, Los Angeles Review of Books
Seoul is a rapidly changing city, the epitome of the latest trends and technology. But looking closely in between the skyscrapers, there lie hints that reveal an alternate story, a story of a 600-year-old capital city. Seoul's Historic Walks in Sketches discovers and brings to life these stories. From the Joseon era's palaces and fortresses to modern skyscrapers of glass and steel built on historic sites, the author's pencil sketches bring forth a new dimension of Seoul. Accompanying the illustrations are his insightful, witty commentaries on local history that go a long way in presenting readers with a captivating view of the unknown city, a city almost exotic in its mystery.

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My Seoul : Hidden Gems / Seungwoo Baek

Canopus, South Korea 2018

216p.

9791195644032

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