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Biography/Memoirs

Suleman G. Abro – Green Land’s Man: Autobiography / Salman Rashid
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023
424p.
9693535367; 9789693535365
1. Biography – Philanthropist – Pakistan.
\$ 75.00 / HB
778gm.

This book “Green Land’s Man” as a biography of Muhammad Suleman G. Abro is true inspiring story for the new generations as they can understand how to be a man of consistency, how to work for deprived communities when you are also deprived, how to articulate dreams to make them true and how to set the goals and achieve those even you have mountains of challenges and rivers of obstacles.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859232>

Between Commas and Full Stops: Story of an Army Wife / Zeenat Azra Khan
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., 2023
xii, 140p.
9789692107266
\$ 30.00 / HB
292gm.

Between Commas and Full Stops is an engrossing narrative of an army wife who has been in ascendance from a Major's spouse to a General's. She has brought out the essence of the twists and turns, the ups and downs of a happy but rigorous life of military gypsies where call of duty takes them all over Pakistan and often abroad. Major General Shujaat Ali Khan is a colleague and a personal friend. The book is also a reflection of his laudable military achievements and personal qualities. Highly recommended for wide circulation in military families. – Lt. Gen. Ali Jan Aurakzai

Zeenat Azra Khan's delightfully written memoir is not only an account of the vicissitudes of her life as the wife of an aspiring army officer, but it is also a travelogue and an expression of her compassion and innate wisdom. It describes the career path of her distinguished husband, Shujaat Ali Khan, reward bestowed upon her as the wife of a diplomat, and the contribution they both made to the cause of education and public welfare in our country.

A remarkable book exposing many myths. Highly recommended. – Dr Masuma Hasan

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One Hundred Saris and Servants Galore: My Life in Lahore / Lillian Greene
Lahore: Ferozsons (Pvt.) Ltd., 2023
176p.
9789690028525

\$ 25.00 / PB
196gm.

It all began with the closing behind her of the heavy Gothic doors of the East London grammar school, ending the final chapter of her schooldays; and the uplifting tune and lyrics of 'I know where I'm going' that strangely possessed her mind, enthusing her with intoxicating optimism. With newfound confidence, Lillian knew exactly where she was going. But did she? A surprise encounter was about to change the course of her life forever, and the bizarre events that followed completely turned the tide in a way that even she, in her wildest of dreams, could never have imagined.

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Economics

Pakistan: The Reckoning Begins / Shahid Ur Rehman (Compiled & Ed) Yasir Ali Mansuri
Lahore: Sanjh Publications, 2023
292p.
9789695934159
\$ 40.00/ PB
374gm.

This book is about our progress and graduation from the use of coal/firewood, kerosene, LPG, and natural gas in our homes and tens of millions others like ours. It covers the pipeline politics, the power politics of oil, gas, LPG, LNG and refineries, building SPMs [single point moorings] in the ocean, capturing and making inroads into the nearly USD 20-30 billion business of oil, gas and power in Pakistan. It is more of a regional political game rather than the old game of imperialists, multinational and international power brokerages. The resources given to this country, how we misused or abused them, the opportunities, challenges and the prospects. Rental power plants and Independent Power Producers and LPG and LNG. It is the story of Aitzaz Ahsan's Indus Saga and Qurratulain Hyder's Aag Ka Darya (River of Fire), which revolve around the Indus and Gandhara Civilization and making sense of Pakistan.

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History

Lahore: A Love Story / Neelum Chaudhri
Lahore: Ferozsons (Pvt.) Ltd., 2023
136p.
9789690028693
\$ 80.00 / HB
996gm.

Lahore-A Love Story is a public history book that narrates the sentimental history and evolution of Lahore into a modern city. I always found Lahoris very welcoming and reminiscent of their glorious past, which is why the city itself lives and nothing gone is actually gone in Lahore. You can find it all in bits and pieces throughout the city. Every Lahori loves Lahore for a different reason. Being a poet, I believe emotions make us human. Daily interaction with the citizens of Lahore inspired me to record the sentiments attached to the city. In this effort I am truly grateful to Mr. Syed Babar Ali, Mr. Kamran Lashari and Mr. Saadan Peerzada for sharing valuable information and their personal archives with me. I am also thankful to my team and everyone who became a part of this book and shared their stories and photos. I hope this book brings joy to the heart of

everyone who reads it and makes them fall in love with Lahore all over again, this time for a million other reasons.

The book grounds the reader in the foundations of the multi-layered history of the Lahore. It is also a guide for students, activists and tourists navigating the dynamic culture of Lahore. The book highlights the intellectual and administrative challenges they can face while exploring the history of the city. The book also includes stories and interviews of the prominent personalities of Lahore that not only gives an insight to the sentiments attached to Lahore but also gives a glimpse of the future. The book also takes the reader on an imaginary trip to Lahore to explore the myths and mysteries attached to the town.

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Literature

Tarar's Fragile Times: The Work of Mustansar Hussain Tarar / Muhammad Safeer Awan
Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023

224p.

9693534883 ; 9789693534887

\$ 50.00 / HB

442gm.

Mustansar Hussain Tarar, throughout his creative oeuvre, has captured not only the cultural and geographical beauty of Pakistan but also its socio-political inequalities, ideological contradictions, and the agonies and ecstasies of its masses. Versatility is the distinctive feature of Tarar's genius; he has made significant contributions to numerous genres: literature, cultural criticism, TV hosting, acting, journalism, and travel writings. Despite this impressive portfolio, the available critical scholarship on his work in Urdu even is mostly based on impressionistic opinions, devoid of any systematic epistemological framework. Tarar is a writer who seems to have his fingers on the global pulse. Writing in the age of many global risks that the world is facing now, his work can be located and interpreted with a sense of critical globality.

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Sorrows of Sarasvati – The Lost River: A Translation of Mustansar Hussain Tarar's Bahao /
Mustansar Hussain Tarar (Translators) Safeer Awan & Saleem Khan

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023

386p.

9693535170; 9789693535174

1. Literature – Novel.

\$ 40.00/ HB

660gm.

This is English edition of Tarar's bestseller Urdu novel, "Bahao". The novel is rooted in Indus valley, Sindh.

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The Frozen Lake / Mazhar Nisar

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023

96p.

9789693534726

1. Literature – Poetry.

\$ 25.00 / HB

198gm.

The Frozen Lake' is a fresh collection of poems by Mazhar Nisar. Fresh as in new and fresh and supple in its aesthetic treatment. What one finds at play in many of the poems is that the serenity of the natural environment - lakes, mountains, birds, moon - felt and celebrated by the poet seems to succeed in overpowering his inner angst. But the inner angst of an artist like Nisar can ever be overpowered? It returns howlingly on occasions and reclaims the mind and heart of the poet. This interplay between angst and serenity, despondency and hope, silence and sounds, light and dark, keeps one riveted from the first poem until the last. Through this collection, Mazhar Nisar yet again reminds his readers that he is one of the most powerful creative voices in Pakistani Anglophone poetry.

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Politics/International Relations

Maritime Security: Challenges and Responses in a Changing World / Vice Admiral Iftikhar Ahmed Rao (retd.)

Islamabad: IPS Press, 2024

xxx, 450p.

Includes Index

9789694488349

PKR 6000.00; USD 80.00 / HB

602gm.

Book Details:

Maritime security, just like the blue economy, is a relatively recent concept. It is different and distinct from traditional naval security and maritime power projection. Maritime security is an evolving comprehensive construct encompassing several interwoven facets of the maritime domain. In this book, the reader will find the historical background of the maritime domain and how various powers of the times benefitted from the seas, at times exclusively. Then, as others became aware, some rules and understandings began to emerge, eventually leading to the adoption of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III). After that, the concept of maritime security started to evolve more clearly. The book discusses various challenges at sea, including the age-old curse of piracy and emerging criminal activities such as trafficking (human, drugs, arms, etc.); terrorism; illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing; and the marine environment. It then moves to responses to these challenges. As maritime strategy is gaining importance, many regions and countries have promulgated their maritime security strategies. This book explores the maritime security strategies of various important regions and countries. It also discusses Pakistan's maritime aspects and the suggested contours of maritime economic and military security strategies. Hopefully, this book will significantly contribute towards creating awareness and understanding of maritime security.

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The Charter of Democracy: A Covenant By Powerless Politicians / Dr Benish Khan

Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2023

180p.

9693535383 ; 9789693535389

1. Politics – Pakistan.

\$ 25.00 / PB

244gm.

The book bears significant relevance in comprehending the political culture of Pakistan, where allegations persist that the establishment has wielded power, both directly and indirectly, for over

seven decades. This circumstance has emerged due to multifaceted reasons, primarily attributed to the absence of solidarity among political parties. The Charter of Democracy stands as a monumental achievement in Pakistan's historical narrative. Dr. Beenish Khan has provided detailed insights into the process by which political parties arrive at an understanding of the agreement's significance. They committed to sidestepping internal conflicts and, instead, autonomously resolving disagreements. Prominent Pakistani political figures like Benazir Bhutto and Mian Nawaz Sharif, alongside other stakeholders, took this decision intending to nurture an enriched political culture and fortify democracy. This strategy aimed to counteract external influences, particularly those from the establishment, that might otherwise fragment political parties or disrupt political procedures. Undoubtedly, this book is poised to spark constructive debates and discussions concerning Pakistan's political history.

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Fall Out: Power, Intrigue and Political Upheaval in Pakistan / Salman Masood

Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2024

xx, 180p.

9789694026626

\$ 50.00 / HB

456gm.

"Fall Out" delves into the tumultuous journey of Imran Khan's transition from a tenacious opposition leader to the prime minister from 2014 to 2018, and his complicated relationship with the Pakistani military since then. It charts the fall of Nawaz Sharif, influenced by the Panama Papers scandal, and the role of former army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, in the Hybrid Project/Rule, revealing the changes he went through while in power. The book underscores the persistent unpredictability in leadership decisions, both military and civilian, that leads to a constant state of crisis in Pakistan, underlining the crucial need for institutional stability. A familiar yet ever-changing tableau of power, "Fall Out" is an incisive exploration of Pakistani politics.

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China – Pakistan – Iran: Trilateral Relations in the Changing World / Raza Ali Khan

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

xxxiv, 330p.

Includes Index; Select Bibliography

9786273100241

\$ 60.00 / HB

744gm.

The trilateral relationship between China, Pakistan, and Iran is a captivating subject in global politics, requiring thorough investigation. These three nations adeptly navigate the complexities of the changing international landscape, with their interconnected interests, historical ties, and strategic collaborations shaping their interactions and influencing regional dynamics. This publication extensively explores the intricacies of trilateral relations, examining historical foundations, present-day dynamics, and potential future trajectories. It covers shared interests in energy and infrastructure projects, alongside considerations of geopolitical alignments and regional power dynamics. Through this comprehensive investigation, valuable insights are provided into the multifaceted nature of trilateral relations within the evolving global order.

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Sociology

Lahore in the 21st Century: The Functioning and Development of a Megacity in the Global South /
Mohammad A. Qadeer
Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2024
xvi, 176p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789694026633
\$ 50.00 / HB
450gm.

Analysing the evolution of Lahore's social organization, culture and ideologies since Pakistan's independence in 1947, this book explores how social and cultural changes affect the social economy, spatial structure and urban environment. It uncovers the internal dynamics and functional order of the city that sustain everyday life, despite its challenges and seemingly disorderly institutions. The book offers a strategic vision for the city's development that emphasizes equitable policies for public utilities and the built environment. In addition, the author proposes a complementary programme for social development and civic ethos. This book will be a valuable resource for academics and students in the fields of urban planning, geography, urban studies and sociology and those interested in the urbanism of the global south, particularly Pakistan.

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