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Art

Finding Lahore / Amna Zuberi (Ed) Raisa Vayani
Pakistan: Markings Publishing, 2019
108p.
9789697120284
\$ 75.00 / HB
1226gm.

The historically laden city of Lahore, its sights and sounds, the moods and the senses that are so intricately webbed within the cultural capital of Pakistan. Indeed, this is Zuberi's first published title as a photographer and travel writer, having featured previously in a number of Markings Publishing's coffee table titles including the Pakistan Heritage Cuisine – A Food Story, Drops of the Divine – A Story of Milk in Pakistan, A Reel On Karachi among other celebrated titles. Speaking about the book Finding Lahore, photographer Amna Zuberi said, "Seeing what I see as the beating heart of my city, the extraordinary in its everyday ordinary, come to life in the form of a book is such an exhilarating feeling."

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Biography/Memoirs

Honour-Bound to Pakistan in Duty, Destiny and Death : Iskander Mirza – Pakistan's First Elected President's Memoirs from Exile / Syed Khawar Mehdi
Karachi: Lightstone Publishers (Pvt) Limited, 2023
336p.
Include Index
9789697162581
\$ 60.00 / PB
700gm.

For various reasons, Iskander Mirza's memoirs could not be published in book form and, after more than half a century, they are being published in their totality. The memoirs lay open the facts for the people of Pakistan, historians and academics to judge the man who was a trusted lieutenant of Quaid-e-Azam and, while in Indian Political Service, secretly worked with Jinnah (who fully recognized the invaluable potential in the young Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar) towards the most challenging task of achieving Pakistan from the British. In all fairness, General Ayub may not have been behind it all but the sycophants were in a stampede outdoing each other in casting aspersions on Iskander Mirza's financial propriety, his integrity and character. Such was the national atmosphere that structured average Pakistani's mindset for their first President and will be a miracle if this book, if not change, can at least initiate a debate on historical distortions, disinformation and withholding of important documented accounts that may not have gone down well with sitting government of the time to suit a certain ideology or, more dangerously, the planting of fake information to serve ulterior agendas.

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Secular Muslim : Jinnah, His Politics and Pakistan / MD Umair Khan
Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2023

xvi, 224p.

Includes Bibliography

9789694026602

\$ 50.00 / HB

542gm.

Secular Muslim: Jinnah, His Politics and Pakistan covers Pakistan's founder Mohammed Ali Jinnah's political journey from start to finish. It also explores the origin of classical liberalism and moderate secularism whose salient features inspired his approach to politics. The writer pinpoints several distortions in 'history books' and debunks several myths surrounding Jinnah and the Pakistan Movement. One such myth is the so-called Two Nations Theory'. Contrary to the popular belief, right-wing Caste Hindus were the first to classify themselves as a separate nation in British Raj, and they wanted to create one state in the subcontinent free of non-Hindus. The book explains how Jinnah used their ideology against them later on and tried to achieve an inclusive state for all religious communities and atheists of the subcontinent, where oppressed classes, in general, could progress economically and emancipate their women. The author concludes that the present-day Islamic Republic of Pakistan is everything its founder stood against throughout his life. Therefore, there is a need to establish a secular albeit Muslim-majority state that serves all its citizens equally, regardless of their religion, caste, creed, sect or gender.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856264>

Dangerous Prisoner / Shabir Shar (Translator) Azhar Noonari

Lahore: Akspublications, 2023

384p.

9789697312184

\$ 40.00 / HB

484gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856267>

Entrepreneurship Pakistan: 27 Stories of Struggle, Failure and Success / Azhar Rizvi

Islamabad: National Book Foundation, 2023

368p.

Includes Bibliography

9789693713787

\$ 35.00 / PB

362gm.

The book contains stories of 27 Pakistani entrepreneurs who followed their hearts and built the ventures of their dreams. These thinkers, dreamers and builders nurtured their ideas with the determination to succeed and create a brighter future for their country. Through struggles, challenges and failures, each has built successful enterprises producing jobs, wealth and social impact. The unique aspect of this book is that all of these entrepreneurs were mentored and coached by Azhar Rizvi himself over a period of 10 years through various programs that he developed and managed. Azhar Rizvi has now documented these stories to prove that anyone with positivity, perseverance and the courage to take a leap of faith into the world of entrepreneurship has a chance to succeed.

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Ecology/Environment

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 220: Scrophulariaceae / R. R. Mill (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser

Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2015

340p.
Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 120.00 / HB
834gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=177891>

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 221: Rosaceae (II) Spiraeaceae, Gillenieae, Kerrieae, Ulmariaea, Sanguisorbeae, Geum, Rubeae, Alchemilla, Pruneae, Cydonia, Maleae and Crataegeae / Sven Landrein (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser

Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2017
172p.

Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 120.00 / HB
450gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855667>

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 222: Asteraceae (IV)-Cichorieae / Abdul Ghafoor (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser
Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2017

366p.

Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 120.00/ HB
830gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855668>

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 223: Asteraceae (V)-Cardueae / Abdul Ghafoor (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser
Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2019

370p.

Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 120.00 / HB
876gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855670>

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 224: Asteraceae – VI: Astereae, Arctotideae, Vernonieae, Calenduleae, Athroismeae, Helenieae, Coreopsideae, Neurolaeneae, Tageteae, Heliantheae, Millerieae and Eupatorieae / Abdul Ghafoor (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser

Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2021

370p.

Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 120.00 / HB
796gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855672>

Flora of Pakistan, Volume No. 225: Cactaeae / Roohi Abid & Anjum Perveen (et al.) (Eds) S. I. Ali & M. Qaiser
Karachi: Centre for Plant Conservation, University of Karachi, 2022

24p.

Includes Index
Flora of Pakistan Series
\$ 50.00 / PB

74gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855674>

Trees of Pakistan: Their Natural History, Characteristics and Utilization / Syed Riaz Baquar

Second Edition

Karachi: Royal Book Company, 2017

666p.

9789694071852

\$ 90.00 / HB

876gm.

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Economics

Management Audit and Code : For Revolutionary Management Changes in Government Departments in Pakistan / Dr. Irfan Latif

Islamabad: National Book Foundation, 2023

xliv, 808p.

9789693713947

\$ 40.00 / HB

1718gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856270>

History

The State of Bahawalpur – Independence Period (14 Aug 1947-03 Oct 1947) : Stamps of India Overprinted, Star/Crescent and' God Given Kingdom of Bahawalpur / Dr. Usman Ali Isani & Syed Abid Hussain

Islamabad: National Book Foundation, 2023

462p.

9789693713794

\$ 120.00 / HB

2002gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856271>

Tormented Truth 1971 and Beyond... / S.M. Hali

Islamabad: National Book Foundation, 2023

282p.

9789693713749

\$ 50.00 / HB

704gm.

A thoroughly researched book, which was launched on the fiftieth anniversary of the 1971 Pakistan India War, which resulted in the severance of its Eastern wing and the creation of Bangladesh. The causes of the separation and events that led to the bloody birth of Bangladesh have been discussed in detail. For fifty years, India and Bangladesh have created myths about Pakistan Army committing genocide of three million Bengalis and raping 200,000 Bengali women as well as slaughtering hundreds of Bengali intellectuals. The myths were never challenged for the last five decades thus the world came to believe them to be true. simultaneously, the gruesome massacre of non-Bengalis by the freedom fighters has totally been ignored. Tormented Truth is an effort to Bridge the gap between the truth and falsehood while bursting the myths based on evidence from independent Bengali and international sources. A concerted effort has also been made to cover the events and developments after 1971, the tragedies that befell Bangladesh and its political and economic recovery as well as its relationship with both India and Pakistan. Sheikh Hasina Wajed's government has established an International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) in which Bengalis who supported Pakistan during the

liberation struggle of Bangladesh are being tried and hanged for their alleged treachery. A detailed examination of the controversial trials, which have been the target of criticism by international jurists have been presented in the book. In conclusion, the book recommends a way forward with the hope that Bangladesh and Pakistan will let bygones be bygones, forgive each other and move on to have better relations in the future.

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The Judiciary and Politics in Pakistan, 1999-2013 : A History of Institutional Relationship Between the Executive, Judiciary and Parliament / Najeeb Ur Rehman

Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2023

xxii, 350p.

Includes Bibliography

9789694026619

\$ 45.00 / HB

736gm.

This is a serious scholarly narrative about the past history of relationship between the judiciary and the executive in Pakistan. It also describes the different trends of the judiciary in deciding the cases of political importance and especially the pressure of the executive on the judiciary to get favorable decisions. This book describes, analyzes and highlights the history of judicial activism in the first decade of 21st century in Pakistan which helped the judiciary to liberate itself from undemocratic forces and to dispense justice in a free and fair atmosphere and without any cost. On the other it also describes that how the judiciary has been stretching its powers and to influence the decisions of the Executive and Parliament. This book explains the causes of conflict among the judiciary; the executive and parliament. It also throws light on the causes and consequences of judicial activism on political culture of Pakistan. This study is substantial contribution in the historical literature. It describes the new role of Pakistani judiciary in the political culture of Pakistan in which two prime ministers of Pakistan have been disqualified by judicial verdicts. The judiciary assumed the new role to eradicate corruption from society, to correct administrative actions of the government and to eliminate some social evils from society which developed a new phenomenon and affected the whole Pakistani social and political order. Significantly, this is a wide ranging account of a political role of the judiciary in Pakistan.

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Sindh Under the Kalhoras : Persian Histories, Chronicles, Epistolaries, and Compendiums of 18th Century Sindh / Humera Naz

Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023

xii, 104p.

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9780190701406

\$ 15.00 / PB

134gm.

This book introduces several historical sources relevant to Sindh, with a particular emphasis on the eighteenth century. It examines the general set of values of the Sindhi society during the Kalhora period (1701-1783) which determined the historiographic outlook of that era. It also analyses the different historiographic premises to which the Kalhoras subscribed and the individual idiosyncrasies of the contemporary authors. The work has been written with the aim to assist future analysts of the history of Sindh with fresh markers and incentives for reanalysis and interpretation of primary resources of that era. The research is open-ended and opens vistas for future historians to continue their investigation further through the British period and bring it up to the present era to explore the nexus and various stages of evolution in the field of writing the contemporary history of Sindh.

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Law

Kashmir's Right to Self-Determination: A Legal and Normative Reappraisal / J.J. Baloch

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
264p.
Includes Bibliography
9789692109611
\$ 30.00 / PB
308gm.

Kashmir's Right to Self-determination: A Legal and Normative Reappraisal examines the legal criteria for self-determination. It applies the criteria to Kashmir's case to determine how it suits Kashmiris after India revoked their special status on August 5th, 2019. This book is international and global in its approach, content and subject. This legal and normative reappraisal takes a fresh look at new self-determination in the drastically transformed Jammu and Kashmir from a semi-autonomous to a non-autonomous region, having lost its territorial integrity in the name of reorganisation carried out by the fascist government of the BJP. The leading theme in this book is how the revocation of Kashmir's special status by India could create legal consequences for the parent Indian State under international law and the Indian Constitution. The volume examines why the legal and normative study of the Kashmir issue is crucial when India has revoked the special status of Kashmir enshrined in articles 370 and 35A of the Indian Constitution. The argument considers the changing regional situation of American withdrawal from Afghanistan, Taliban takeover, emerging trends in international terrorism and resurgent Hindu extremism in the shape of BJP's anti-Muslim policies.

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Literature

Bhadoon / Madiha Arsalan
Lahore: Ferozsons (Pte) Ltd., 2023
188p.
9789690028617
\$ 20.00 / PB
214gm.

Madiha is an educationist and a prolific writer who grew up in Karachi, Pakistan. She has a master's degree in English literature and an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts. She teaches business communication and evolution of English language at university level. She also taught at Children Centre, Texas A&M University, USA. Madiha has written poems and stories as Creative Consultant under a USAID project for early graders to improve their learning outcomes. Poetry runs in Madiha's DNA. It is both her passion and catharsis. That her first poem was published when she was only 14 is evidence she was born with this talent. Her poems capture diverse facets of human nature and offer hope for humanity. She loves traveling and writes features and travelogues for leading national newspapers. Readers would find a cosmopolitan feel in Madiha's work because of her extensive traveling. Madiha also runs a not-for-profit initiative "Leadlings" since 2017 to promote art and culture at community level. She resides in Islamabad, Pakistan with her husband and two children. "Bhadoon" is the first collection of Madiha's poems.

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Politics/Current Affairs

Politics, Economy and Society: Essays on Pakistan and Beyond / (Ed) Bilal Zahoor, Fahd Ali & Abraham Shah
Lahore: Folio Books, 2023
264p.
Includes Index
9789697834594
\$ 30.00 / PB
286gm.

The defining characteristic of the ongoing century is that it is a century of crises. We're living in times when most phenomena, paradigms and systems are referred to with the prefix 'post'. The century of crises, in this sense, is a century of anti-climaxes, implosions and exhaustion. What are these phenomena, paradigms and systems that are experiencing descent? How are they generating a multiplicity of crises? And how are these crises, at many levels, mutually constituted?

This volume highlights and makes visible those connections amongst crises operating both at global and local levels. From the discontents of global capitalism to the limits of liberal democracy to the various facades of the climate crisis to the ruins of global governance and financial architecture, the book takes note of systemic failures and fissures. At the same time, the volume brings up the questions of alternative economic and political visions, indigenous feminisms and South-South alliances amongst others and thus takes note of repairs and reconstructions. Bringing together enterprising young thinkers, *Politics, Economy and Society* speaks to a wider audience of students, researchers and general readers.

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Destined To Fail : Democracy and State Building Experiment in Post-Taliban Afghanistan / Saira Aquil
Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2023

xvi, 220p.

9780199408771

\$ 15.00 / PB

264gm.

The book contributes to the critical debate of exogenous state- and democracy-building experiments pursued in the aftermath of Western-led intervention in war-torn societies. The mistakes committed by the principal intervener, the United States, at the zero hour of state-building in Afghanistan could not be rectified in the following years of intervention. The 'multilateral state and democracy building project' remained a 'unilateral decision-making project' in practice, making it less cost-effective. Furthermore, a systematic inquiry into the processes establishes the rationale that political change is not the guarantor of social change in conflict-ridden societies like Afghanistan. Failure of the Afghanistan state- and democracy-building experiment clearly shows that the US cannot fix the world according to its own ideas.

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Sports

Asif Awan's Cricket Umpiring and Scoring (All About the Laws of Cricket) / Asif Farooq Awan
Second Edition

Pakistan: Allied Book Company, 2023

888p.

9789698486327

\$ 50.00 / HB

1410gm.

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