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Anthropology/ Archaeology

History and Archaeology Azad Jammu and Kashmir : A Study
Based on Literary Evidence / Muzzaffar Ahmad
Chiniot: Meezan Publishing House, 2019
xviii, 254p.
\$ 120.00/ PB
516gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783066>

Glimpses of Sindhi Heritage / Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro
Islamabad: Silk Road Centre, 2021
xvi, 212p.
9789692359702
\$ 60.00 / HB
654gm.

Dr Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro is an anthropologist and the author of ten books. His main area of interest is religion, heritage and art of Pakistan, especially in Sindh. he has also researched in the Punjab, Balochistan, and Gilgit-Baltistan on religion, heritage, sufism, folk art, asceticism and mysticism. He has worked on rock art and hero stones of sindh which are located in two different regions of Sindh. Rock art is scattered in different valleys of Khirthar, Bado and Lakhi mountain ranges where Dr kalhoro trekked and traversed the difficult terrain to document the rock art. Like wise, he extensively travelled in

every nook and corner of the Tht desert to record the vanishing visual heritage of the region. He has documented sati and hero stones, Jain and Hindu temples. Dr. Kalhoro has also researched on the folk deities of the desert. Apart from Islamic Art and Architecture, he has also written several articles on Sufism, Hindu and Sikh Heritage of Pakistan.

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Architecture

Evolution of Tomb Architecture : In The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan / Dr. Shakirullah

Lahore: Al Abbas International, 2021

xvi, 216p.

9789692328814

\$ 100.00 / HB

850gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783068>

Biography/Memoirs

The First Cell : And the Human Costs of Pursuing Cancer to the Last / Azra Raza

Karachi: Lightstone Publishers, 2021

xii, 356p.

Includes Index

9789697161553

\$ 40.00 / HB

450gm.

With the fascinating scholarship of *The Emperor of All Maladies* and the deeply personal experience of *When Breath Becomes Air*, a world-class oncologist examines the current state of cancer and its devastating impact on the individuals it affects -- including herself.

In *The First Cell*, Azra Raza offers a searing account of how both medicine and our society (mis)treats cancer, how we can

do better, and why we must. A lyrical journey from hope to despair and back again, *The First Cell* explores cancer from every angle: medical, scientific, cultural, and personal. Indeed, Raza describes how she bore the terrible burden of being her own husband's oncologist as he succumbed to leukemia. Like *When Breath Becomes Air*, *The First Cell* is no ordinary book of medicine, but a book of wisdom and grace by an author who has devoted her life to making the unbearable easier to bear.

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Zindagi = Life (Translated From Its Original Urdu to English) /
Ch. Afzal Haq (Translator) Sayed Saleem Aktheer Shah
Lahore: Kashif Law Book House, 20
252p.

Includes Index

9789699994111

\$ 30.00 / PB

282gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783070>

Economics/Development Studies

Collected Economic Papers, Volume I : Pakistan's Poverty
Puzzle / Rashid Amjad

Lahore: Lahore School of Economics, 2020

xii, 246p.

Includes Index

9789697502103

\$ 75.00 / HB

506gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783088>

The Cling Effect : A Story of Underdevelopment in Postmodern
Times / Tanweer Ahmed

Lahore: Book Home, 2021

vi, 186p.

Includes Select Bibliography

9789696670261

\$ 40.00 / PB

370gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783089>

Education

Reforming School Education in Pakistan and the Language
Dilemma / Zubeida Mustafa

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2021

xxvi, 306p.

Includes Index

9789692102346

\$ 40.00 / HB

416gm.

This book is a must read for all stakeholders in education which includes parents, teachers, educators and policymakers. Zubeida Mustafa's *Reforming School Education in Pakistan & The Language Dilemma* is an overview of the much-needed reforms necessary in Pakistan's education sector. It is a collection of viewpoints from several noteworthy scholars, activists, linguists, journalists, social scientists and a former chief justice of Pakistan, on the current Education crisis in Pakistan. Their diverse and detailed analysis of the problems faced by students also takes into account the language dilemma, which proves to be a major obstacle in effective school education in the country. *REFORMING SCHOOL EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN* book promotes mother tongue-based education and proposes more effective methods of teaching students who are the future of Pakistan. It is a holistic view of both, the difficulties and complications that currently exist in Pakistan's education system and their possible solutions.

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History

Pakistan Under Benazir Bhutto, 1988-1990 : Reportage,
Comment and Analysis / Najam Sethi

Trial of Democracy No.1

Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2021

xxiv, 264p.

9789694026367

\$ 60.00 / HB

600gm.

This is the first volume of a series of books by veteran journalist Najam Sethi on Pakistan's sputtering journey under democracy from 1988 to 2021 after it emerged from a stifling decade of autocracy under Z A Bhutto from 1972-1977 and ruthless dictatorship under General Zia ul Haq from 1977 to 1988. It contains an insightful collection of over 100 weekly reports, comments and analyses by Najam Sethi on the state of democracy under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto from 1988-90. These articles highlight the politics of conspiracy, corruption, mismanagement, disinformation, victimization, invisible government, rigged elections, politicization of financial institutions, traitors, 'slandering matches, All Parties Conferences, Afghanistan imbroglio, jihad in Kashmir, shariat shock, budget blues, Indo-Pak impasse, mullahs on warpath, police lawlessness, judiciary under pressure, mockery of justice, Uncle Sam, etc. The shenanigans of COAS General Aslam Beg and Opposition Leader Nawaz Sharif are as interesting as the games of hide and seek played by Salmaan Taseer or Mustafa Khan; there are fascinating insights into the personality and politics of Baloch leaders Ghaus Bux Bizenjo and Ataullah Mengal, and British journalist Christina Lamb's angst in the Land of the Pure is both revealing and intriguing.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783091>

In Kashmir in 2035 : Trusteeship and Third Option / Saalim Salam Ansari

Karachi: Royal Book Company, 2021

xx, 336p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789694074788

\$ 45.00 / PB

460gm.

There is a need to reassess the ground realities for a fresh and a comprehensive Kashmir policy of Pakistan in order to real size prompt resolution of this issue.

Although, there already exists a huge body of literature and publications on this issue considering its importance, this book is different being food for thought on many counts.

The author, Advocate Saalim Salam Ansari has taken pains in highlighting the is issue in its entirety, with a special focus on linking the historical contexts with emerging realities, new dimensions and fresh perspectives.

The book provides comprehend save historical and constitutional background nd of the Kashmir issue with legal backdrops and h historical documents. The Chapters on UNO's Trustee-ship - Third Option, and Kashmir in 2035 touch upon areas hitherto lesser known to many, thus differentiating this publication in its genre.

This book is a reference guide and a cornucopia of information for both policy makers and legislators, readers of history, and students of Political Science, International Relations and Strategic Studies.

Although I may not at all times agree with the author, yet he deserves credit for this impressive effort.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783092>

The Reluctant Republic : Ethos and Mythos of Pakistan /
Nadeem Farooq Paracha

Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2022

x, 168p.

9789694026480

\$ 50.00 / HB

358gm.

Nadeem Farooq Paracha's quest to explore various questions of identity in the nation-state of Pakistan continues. In this sixth book of his, *The Reluctant Republic*, he ventures even deeper to investigate the history of statist-nationalist narratives in Pakistan and how the country's diverse ethnic, sectarian and sub-sectarian groups responded to these narratives. Paracha posits that statist experiments in this context have largely failed to build a cohesive and confident nation-state which is always in fear of coming apart. As is often the case in his books, parallel to investigating the faultlines that crisscross Pakistan's existence as a nation-state, Paracha simultaneously weaves a counter-narrative. He challenges and deconstructs the statist narratives to provide a constructive alternative to experiments and narratives that have been unable to shape a unified and progressive nation-state but continue being repeated with minor modifications. Paracha builds a compelling case to conclude that the state of Pakistan must come to terms with the fact that the formulation of a civic-nationalism - or a nationalism based on a nation of diverse 'micro-nations' joined to an integrated economy rather than to a dominant ethnic group or a specific faith - is the country's only way out of the vicious cycle it seems to be stuck in. A cycle that weakens the resolve and structure of the nation-state every time it completes one futile rotation after another.

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The Revolutionary Pasts : Communist Internationalism in
Colonial India / Ali Raza

Lahore: Folio Books, 2021

336p.

Includes Index

9789697834204

\$ 45.00 / PB
416gm.

In this engaging and innovative history of the communist movement in colonial India, Ali Raza reveals the lives, geographies and anti-colonial struggles of Indian revolutionaries and how they sought to remake the world. Driven by the utopian visions of Communist Internationalism, Indian revolutionaries yearned and struggled for a global upheaval that would overthrow European imperialisms and radically transform India and the world. In an age marked by political upheavals, intellectual ferment, collapsing empires and global conflicts, Indian revolutionaries stood alongside countless others in the colonised world and beyond in their desire to usher in a future liberated from colonialism and capitalism. Drawing from a wealth of archival materials, Raza demonstrates how Communist Internationalism was a crucial project in the struggle for national liberation and inaugurates a new approach to the global history of communism and decolonisation.

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Linguistics

Linguistic Follies of the Subcontinent : Challenging Indo-European Theory of Languages / Dr. Manzur Ejaz
Lahore: Kitab Trinjan, 2020

120p.

Includes Bibliography

9789699141188

\$ 30.00 / PB

130gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783095>

Literature

Sufi Danish : Chinese Translation of Selected Punjabi Sufi Poetry / Dr. Sugahra Sadaf & Khaqan Haider Ghazi
Lahore: Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture, 2019
128p.
Chinese & Punjabi Languages
9789699199615
\$ 35.00 / HB
378gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=783096>

The Lady of Sohanbela / Irshad Abdulkadir
Karachi: Lightstone Publishers (Pvt) Limite, 2021
226p.
9789697161546
\$ 35.00 / HB
312gm

The principal character, Kamila, is the sole heir to the hereditary seat of a sufi saint located in a riverine area in the rural hinterland of Pakistan. Her liberal outlook and lifestyle are the outcomes of an urban upbringing and westernized academics. The final wish of her long-suffering mother that she observe familial duties by maintaining and upholding the centuries-old family shrine that has a subcontinental following, requires Kamila to marry the leading landowner of the region. The tensions and conflicts inherent in such a situation are the well-springs of the narrative which plays out against European, American and Pakistani backdrops.

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Politics

Pen and Politics : Resistance in Pakistan / Dr Naazir Mahmood
Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2021
xviii, 360p.
9789694026473

\$ 90.00 / HB
610gm.

This impressive collection of short essays by Dr. Naazir Mahmood centers upon the theme of resistance to hegemonic domination. What resistance means, of course, depends upon the particular context. His canvas is super-sized, spanning continents and drawing examples as different as the Bhakti movement in India to the birth of Protestantism in Europe. But most of the book deals with forms of resistance on the Indian subcontinent about which, quite naturally, the author has the most to say and in some cases has intimate knowledge of. By excerpting particularly poignant parts of Urdu novels and short stories, the author brings before us the wealth of Urdu literature -both prose and poetry - created under the shadow of military rule. This deals with how West Pakistanis sneered at and trod upon Bengalis, the plight of Biharis who had fought for Pakistan but were abandoned, the resistance literature that Zia-ul-Haq's oppression gave birth to, how the Baloch have struggled for their rights under different governments, and so much more. There are well-deserved eulogies to those Pakistanis who have stood up to the powers-that-be and refused the ideological straitjacket. Among them are Aslam Azhar, Fahmida Riaz, Kishwar Naheed, and Sobho Gianchandani. The author's impressive breadth of reading and familiarity with left-wing politics is most evident here and therefore, in my opinion, this is perhaps the strongest part of this book. To question received wisdom is not in our culture or habit. But the author is unusual in having been born into a family that was different. A passion for reading and interactions with people from different parts of Pakistan has made the author different from most. Not everyone will be comfortable with his views. Some will question the author's patriotism but he knows how to answer them: patriotism is a farce if it does not involve loving all people, including the disabled, the transgender, and the other marginalized peoples. Patriotism cannot be built on hating others.

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Religion

Gems and Jewels : The Religions of Pakistan / Dr. Amineh
Ahmed Hoti

Lahore: Dr. Amineh Ahmed Hoti, 2021

416p.

Includes Bibliography

9789697120390

\$ 120.00 / HB

2656gm.

“Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan” Dr Amineh Hoti opens the door to take the reader on a voyage of discovery of the untold story of Pakistan; the story of a relatively young nation whose rich plural heritage has endowed it with multiple expressions of faith and custom, woven into a gloriously colourful tapestry whose detail meshes to form a whole. “Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan” by Dr Amineh A. Hoti This book is a glorious read; accessible, enjoyable, a radiating resonance of vivid human images, of voices, faces, and places, and a celebration of the richness of diversity that connects us with the beauty of human character at its best.

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Religion – Islam

Philosophers of the Golden Age of Islam : The Flying Man /
Akbar Ahmed

Lahore: Vanguard Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2021

iv, 124p.

9789694026404

\$ 40.00 / HB

356gm.

"In this inspiring book Professor Akbar Ahmed continues his personal quest of bridging the gap between the Orient and the West, as he did in his earlier books and projects." Dr. Husein ef. Kavazovic, Grand Mufti of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Amongst all of his important books, this gem of a book is Ambassador Ahmed's magnum opus." Dr. Amineh Hoti, Fellow-Commoner, University of Cambridge, and author of Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan.

"Akbar Ahmed is a Muslim treasure himself. " Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, President, co-founder, and senior faculty member of Zaytuna College, Berkeley, California.

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