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### *Anthropology/Archaeology*

Tharparkar : Transforming Landscapes : An Ethnography Of The Lives Of The Amazing Indigenous People Of The Desert / Dr. Roomi S. Hayat  
Pakistan, Karachi: Sungi Publishing, 2024  
xxi, 354p.  
9786277756000  
\$ 65.00 / HB  
680gm.

I have known roomi since Dec 1992 when he joined NRSP's HRD department. As one of the leading prationers of human resource development in our region, roomi has trained and mentored tens of thousands of activist and professionals from development and private sector.

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### *Biography/Memoirs*

Pakistan: Behind The Ideological Mask (Facts About Great Men We Don't Want To Know) / Khaled Ahmed  
Pakistan, Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2025  
303p.  
969402353X  
\$ 50.00 / HB  
541gm.

Did you know that after the Quaid's demise, Fatima Jinnah and Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan submitted an affidavit at the court saying that he was a Shia?  
Did you know that Allama Iqbal was opposed to the imposition of hudood punishment, that Ghalib received a stipend from the British for two villages of his inheritance to his dying day and that he changed his takhallus back to Asad during his 18-month stay in Calcutta, that Maulana Muhammad Ali Jauhar defended the Ahmadis in Afghanistan and that his elder brother Gauhar was an Ahmedi, that Borlaug saved Pakistan from famine by inventing a new wheat seed in 1968, that Ganga Ram was actually the true father of Lahore by building most of the landmark structures of the city, that Ghulam Ahmad Parwez greatly resented the August 11 speech of his beloved leader, the Quaid, because he thought non-Muslims could not be equal citizens in Pakistan, that the son of the great essay-writer Patras married the

daughter of another great essay-writer Falakpaima, that the great translator of the Quran, Abdullah Yusauf Ali, was found dead in an obscure clinic in London, that Annemarie Schimmel was actually a scholar in Turkish, that the paper on which Daud Rehbar was rejected in Pakistan in 1953 actually contained nothing offensive, that K.K.

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From A Mountain Boy To A Destroyer's Captain / Mahmood Ur Rehman  
Pakistan, Karachi: Fazlee's Book, 2024  
340p.  
9789694413341  
\$ 50.00 / HB  
780gm.

\*From A Mountain Boy to A Destroyer's Captain\* is an inspiring memoir that chronicles the remarkable journey of a young man from a humble, rural background to commanding one of the most powerful warships in the Navy. The book details the challenges he faced, the lessons he learned, and the leadership skills he developed along the way. It offers a rare glimpse into military life, leadership under pressure, and the personal determination required to rise to the top. A testament to resilience and ambition, it highlights the transformative power of hard work and dedication.

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The Path I Made (A Memoir) / Tasnim Ahsan  
Pakistan, Karachi: Lightstone Publishers, 2024  
423p.  
9789697162116  
\$ 45.00 / HB  
570gm.

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

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## Economics/Development Studies

Beyond The IMF: The Emergence Of Muslim Common Waqf As An Alternative For Muslim Countries / Prof Dr Hussain Mohi-Ud-Din Qadri  
Pakistan, Lahore: Minhaj -Ul-Quran Publications, 2024  
xvi, 166p.

9781917491044  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
215gm.

As global economic challenges, inequalities, and debt burden continue to plague developing nations, Beyond IMF presents a compelling solution through Islamic financial principles. This insightful book offers a transformative approach to achieve economic independence and prosperity for the Muslim world. It draws upon historical concepts like Mu'akhat and explores modern financial tools such as Waqf (endowments) and Zakat to create sustainable financial structures.

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Light At The End Of The Tunnel: Hope In Times Of Despair / (Ed) Uzma Tariq Haroon & Sarah Siddiq Aneel

Pakistan, Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2025  
Ixiv, 348p.

9789693536447

1. Sustainable Development
2. Pakistan
3. Political Economy

\$ 65.00 / HB  
900gm.

Hope in times of despair is a unique collection that proposes contemporary policy pathways from leading experts across Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, France And the United States. With focus on charting a path toward sustainable and inclusive growth, the volume breaks new ground by presenting innovative solutions integrating local realities with global perspectives.

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## History

Mountbatten, Cabinet Mission and Provincial Boundaries / Muhammad Iqbal Chawla  
Pakistan, Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2024

xxiii, 228p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789694026749

\$ 65.00 / HB  
540gm.

"This is a work of reinterpretation of Mountbatten's role in the emergence of Pakistan. It moves beyond previous controversies concerning his impact on the Radcliffe Boundary Award and bias towards Nehru and the Congress to delve into his interactions with developments at the provincial level in the future Pakistan area. The insight emerges that Mountbatten's interventions were far more complex than negative stereotypes of his Viceroyalty have acknowledged. The investigation draws on a careful reading of primary sources as well as building on the author's earlier research into the end of British India. The judgements which

emerge are balanced and form an important addition to the understanding of Pakistan's independence."

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Lahore @ Partition: Violence, Cross-Migration, And Regeneration 1947-1961 / Adnan Tariq  
Pakistan, Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2024

xliv, 256p.

Includes Bibliography

9789694026633

\$ 65.00 / HB

550gm.

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.

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The Raj, Lahore And Bhai Ram Singh / Pervaiz Vandal & Sajida Vandal  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

Pakistan, Lahore: Research And Publication Centre, 2024

x, 187p.

Includes Bibliography

9789699359187

\$ 95.00 / HB

1195gm.

The genesis of this book lies in the question that both of us faced at the start of our teaching careers. Students of architecture wanted to know the appropriate architecture for Pakistan' and its sources. The question was sometimes well articulated in written papers, and at others, it cropped up at the time of examinations, juries, as we architects call them.

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## Literature

The Sufi's Nighttingale / Sarbpreet Singh  
Pakistan, Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2024

316p.

9789693536461

1. Novel

2. Sufism

\$ 35.00 / HB

515gm.

In a small house beneath a mosque in the Bazaar e Husn, home to the pleasure houses of sixteenth-century Lahore, lives an unusual band of Sufis. Known all over the city for their

startling red robes and shaven faces, they are seen singing and dancing wantonly every evening as they make their way through the streets to a maikhana, their favourite tavern. Their master, a former Islamic scholar now disowned by the clergy, is Lal Hussain, whose exquisite poems— sung by his dearest disciple Maqbool, a young man from the oppressed Marassi community—have begun to win the hearts of thousands of ordinary Lahoris, despite his notoriety.

[Fiction]

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### Official Publications

National Accounts Of Pakistan: Backward Revisions For The Years 1999-2000 To 2014-15 On The Base Year 2015-16 / (Chief Statistician) Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar

Pakistan, Islamabad: Pakistan Bureau Of Statistics Ministry Of Planning Development & Special Initiatives Government Of Pakistan Islamabad

99p.

\$ 40.00 / PB

230gm.

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7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census-2023 (First Ever Digital Census) : Key Findings Report The Largest Digitization Exercise Of South Asia / (Chief Statistician) Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar

Pakistan, Islamabad: Pakistan Bureau Of Statistics Ministry Of Planning Development & Special Initiatives Government Of Pakistan Islamabad, 2024

xxii, 148p.

\$ 55.00/ PB

380gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=884715>

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### Performing Arts

A New Explanation For The Decline Of Hindustani Music In Pakistan / Kabir Altaf

Pakistan, Lahore: AKS Publications, 2024

99p.

9789697313143

\$ 22.00 / PB

115gm.

There is a little doubt that the quantity and quality of Hindustani classical music have both declined in Pakistan since 1947. The standard explanations religion, conflicted national identity, and loss of patronage fail to account for the selective discrimination against the classical music. This book offers a new sociological explanation centred on certain less examined aspects of the population transfer accompanying the partition of British India.

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## Politics/Current Affairs

Pakistan: Clash Of Ideas Pervez Hoodbhoy Versus Javed Jabbar / Anjum Altaf

Pakistan, Lahore: AKS Publications, 2022

111p.

9789697313044

\$ 25.00 / PB

130gm.

It is rare to have a serious debate about the many critical issues that need to be explored if Pakistan is to move forward beyond the crises that have plagued it since its existence. It is even rarer to have the debate in a format that is accessible to college students. This book presents two sets of starkly divergent views on ten topics ranging from the creation of Pakistan to the liberation of Bangladesh, the conflict in Balochistan, and the civil military contestation.

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Of Reason, Romance And Ruin: A Conceptual History Of The 'Pakistan Ideology' / Nadeem

Farooq Paracha

Pakistan, Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2025

112p.

9789694026824

\$ 45.00 / HB

410gm.

Nadeem Farooq Paracha traces the political currents that led to the formulation of what has come to be known as the 'Pakistan Ideology.' This ideology was unveiled in the late 1970s and first introduced through textbooks. It was to be followed by all government and state institutions. This continues to be the case. The 'ideology' explains what being a Pakistani means.

However, the ideology has often been criticized by a growing number of scholars for using half-truths and even outright fibs to build a particular version of Pakistan's foundational history.

Paracha posits that instead of forming a consensual idea of Pakistani nationalism, it has caused ethnic, religious, sectarian, and political fissures.

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Bridging Horizons: Unraveling The Enigma Of Connectivity Between Pakistan And Central Asia

/ Faisal Javaid, Uzam Siraj & Zukowski

Pakistan, Islamabad: IPS Press, 2024

xxi, 266p.

Includes Index

9789694488400

\$ 35.00 / PB

310gm.

In Bridging Horizons, explore the strategic importance of Pakistan's growing connectivity with Central Asia. This insightful book delves into the historical roots and modern infrastructure

projects like TAPI, CASA-1000, and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), all aimed at fostering economic growth and regional collaboration. With in-depth analysis of Pakistan's relationships with key Central Asian nations, it also examines the influence of major global powers and regional organizations such as the SCO and ECO. Perfect for scholars, policymakers, and international relations enthusiasts, this book offers a roadmap for overcoming challenges and building a prosperous future.

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## Religion-Islam

What Is To Be Done ? : Modernity, Islam, And Pakistan (Abridged Version) / Syed Sardar Ali  
Pakistan, Islamabad: Emel Publications, 2024

x, 96p.

9789699556913

\$ 15.00 / PB

180gm.

The civilization of Islam faces existential threat by modern industrial West. Despite many centuries of reform efforts, Muslim societies remain in disarray. This treatise analyses this dilemma in the light of evolution of human societies, rise of the west, and the catch-up efforts made by five societies over the last three hundred years. While the analysis is in the context of civilization of Islam and Pakistan, the lessons drawn are universal, applicable to all traditional societies facing the challenges of modernity.

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The Islamic Compendium: From Identity To History, Warfare To Art / Prof Dr Hussain Mohi-  
Ud-Din Qadri

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

xviii, 282p.

Includes Bibliography

9781913553920

\$ 55.00 / HB

480gm.

This book offers a unique approach to understanding Islam, encompassing both its richness and intricacies. It serves as a comprehensive collection of articles that delve into various facets of Islamic faith and Muslim life. The text presents a captivating exploration, functioning as a map that guides readers through the multifaceted landscape of Islam. By transcending theoretical and doctrinal frameworks, the book celebrates the vibrant artistic expressions that illuminate the Muslim experience. It sheds light on the Islamic emphasis on human dignity, establishing itself as a balanced and informative resource for those seeking a deeper understanding of this influential and dynamic religion.

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Saints Of The Punjab / Syed Ishfaq Ali

4<sup>th</sup> ed.

Pakistan, Lahore: Ruby Publications, 2024  
iv, 160p.

Includes Bibliography

\$ 25.00 / HB

260gm.

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Exposing Yazid: A Theological And Historical Examination Of His Disbelief / Dr Muhammad Tahir-UI-Qadri

Pakistan, Lahore: Minhaj-UI-Quran International, 2024

xxxiii, 553p.

Includes Bibliography

9781917491013

\$ 55.00 / HB

815gm.

Unveil the truth with Shaykh-ul-Islam Dr Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri's thorough an examination of Yazid's disbelief. This ground-breaking work brings together clear and compelling evidence from the Qur'an and hadith, affirming the authentic beliefs of Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jama'a. Dr Qadri's research presents a well-organized compilation of scholarly arguments, drawing on the wisdom of revered predecessors and the authoritative Fatwa of al-Imam al-A'zam Abu Hanifa. This book sheds light on the tragedy of Karbala, cutting through the myths and misconceptions to reveal those truly responsible behind this historic event.

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## *Sociology*

Another Story Of The Bad Woman / Kishwar Naweed

Pakistan, Lahore: Sang-E-Meel Publications, 2024

224p.

9789693536102

1. Autobiography

2. Feminism

\$ 35.00/ HB

420gm.

This book is Kishwar Naheed's response to those who are quick to label a woman as bad. It is a searing indictment of a society that uses custom, religion and even brute force to keep women down. She hits out hard and fearlessly at social and political injustices and at the materialism and sham religiosity she sees around her. It's what you would expect of one of Pakistan's leading feminist poets, known for her defiance and outspokenness. Born to a conservative family in pre-partition India, at a time when women were in such purdah that they could not show their hand to a hakim without dipping it in flour, Naheed saw these same women turn into political activists in the run-up to Partition. She too learned to do battle early on-to go to college like her brothers, to express herself and, at the age of 19, to marry the man of her choice.



[Non-Fiction/Feminism]

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