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Biography/Memoirs

India and Nepal – Truth is stranger than fiction : A Himalayan Adventure / Matti Munnukka

Kathmandu: Himalayan Map House, 2017

224p. ; Colour and B&W Photographs and Acknowledgements ; 140 x 214mm.

9879937649643

\$ 25.00 / PB

376gm.

This book describes the author's first journey to India and Nepal in 1984. He was a third-year geography student when he decided to make his dream come true, and to travel to India, Nepal, and Himalaya with his friends.

Kathmandu, the capital of Kingdom of Nepal, and the highest mountains of the world like Mount Everest, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Makalu and Kangchenjunga, were familiar to him only from maps or literature. The mountains were hidden behind the clouds and it rained for days. The breathtaking mountain scenery was visible only momentarily.

The trip took place in May and June during the hot and rainy monsoon season. Unlike the peak tourist seasons in spring and fall, the monsoon caused much pain and suffering from rains and muddy trails, landslides, leeches, snakes, bad food, and severe diarrhea. After returning to Finland, the author had lost 20 pounds of his weight, and looked like a skinny Indian holy man. This did not, however, prevent the author from returning to Nepal again and again

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Ecology/Environment

Khumbu Since 1950 : Cultural, Landscape, and Climate Change in the Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) National Park, Khumbu, Nepal / Alton C. Beyers, Ph.D
Kathmandu: Vajra Books, 2017

122p.

9789937623964

\$ 40.00 / PB

406gm.

This book is a collection of historic and repeat photographs of the landscapes, forests, villages, glaciers, and people of the Mount Everest region of Nepal over the past 65 years. Most of the historic photographs were taken in the early 1950s by the first western explorers, climbers, scientists, and cartographers to the Khumbu region, which I have been replicating in the course of my work and research in the Khumbu over the past 30 years. In doing so, a fascinating collage of change emerges that has taken place in the interim, much of it good, some of it unanticipated and uncertain. The purpose of the book is to capture a record of this change that otherwise would be lost, especially for the younger generations of Sherpa people who, in spite of the Khumbu region's relative remoteness, are growing up in a world far, far different than that of their parents and grandparents. It is my sincere hope that this book will be enjoyed by both Sherpa and Everest region aficionados alike, the latter including trekkers, climbers, scholars, and naturalists. It certainly has been fun creating, with each photo pair evoking fond memories of the hundreds of days and thousands of kilometers spent in the field retracing the footsteps of the early climbers, scientists, and explorers. In the interim, a new generation of professional Sherpa photographers and scientists has emerged; perhaps they will produce a sequel of this book using their own repeat photographs in the years to come.

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Economics/Development Studies

Facts of Nepal 2018 Edition

Kathmandu: FACTS Research & Analytics Pvt. Ltd., 2018

vi, 74p.

9789937709217

\$ 12.00 / PB

252gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=350821>

Nepal and the World : A Statistical Profile 2016
Kathmandu: Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry
(FNCCI), 2017
100p.
\$ 15.00 / PB
322gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=350861>

History

The Silent Cry (The People of Nepal: 1816-1839) / Ludwig F. Stiller, S.J. (Ed)
Pratyoush Onta
Revised Edition
Kathmandu: Educational Publishing House, 2018
368p. ; 135 x 225mm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789937711029
\$ 29.50/ PB
314gm.

In The Silent Cry is the story of the people of Nepal during a trying period of adjustment and searching for new goals. This story begins with the Treaty of Sagauli in 1816 and continues through to the death of Bhim Sen Thapa in 1839. This 1816-39 period, so formative in the history of today's Nepal, has been largely untouched by histories. First published in 1976, in this researched book, Stiller presented his most original and provocative interpretation of the early phase of Nepal's modern history. The book is divided into four parts; providing an analysis of the situation prevailing in Nepal at the time of the Treaty of Sagauli to the dialogue that took place between the central administration in Kathmandu and 'village Nepal' and explain the administration's failure to respond to the needs of the simple people of Nepal.
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Law

Nepal Human Rights Year Book 2018 : Expectation Towards Political Stability
(This Report Covers the Period – January to December 2017) / (Ed-in-Chief)

Madan Paudel

Kathmandu: Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC), 2018

492p. ; illustrations (black and white, and colour), maps (black and white, and colour) ; 24 cm.

9789937896498

\$ 40.00 / PB

752gm.

The report thoroughly documents cases of human rights violations in all seven provinces of the country.

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Linguistics

Limbu-English-Nepali Dictionary / Gambhir Dhoj Tumbahangphe & Harka Jang
Kurumbang

Limbuwan: Limbuwan Study Center, 2014

888p.

9789937001601

\$ 60.00 / HB

2210gm

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351130>

Literature

Discourse on B P Koirala's Novels / Dr. Keshav Raj Chalise

Kathmandu: Jananayak B. P. Koirala Memorial Trust, 2017

x, 118p.

9789937021326

\$ 15.00 / PB

152gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351131>

Kathmandruids : Monomyths and Meanymyths : An 'Everything' Novel in
Double Helix / Peter J. Karthak
Kalikasthan: Book-Hill Publication, 2018
439p. ; 129 x 197mm.
9789937910194
\$ 12.50 / PB
314gm.

The book opens with the daily routine of a confident fixer satisfied with the state of his floating faeces, flowing finances and flying friends. It then narrates the story of an adroit networker leveraging her position for pecuniary benefits. A smug bureaucrat makes the ascendant dealmaker and descendent aristocrat work in tandem to make the arriviste fall in line.

It is said that the upper-upper middle class with a modicum of education and adequate income are permanently afflicted with status anxiety. The dread of falling down, the fear of remaining in the same place or the hunger to climb up creates chronic restlessness. It's extremely difficult to narrate their banal lives in an arresting manner. But the author has seen Kathmandruids from close quarters as this class multiplied its net worth by bleeding the country dry. He tells some of their tales in English as she was spoke by those educated at convent schools of India and Nepal.

The narrative is interspersed with commentaries about history, culture, society, politics, economy and contemporary affairs of the noughties. The ambitious enterprise of telling everything possible about interesting times of Kathmandu in a thin volume has made the novel slightly complex and it invites readers to engage with the book rather than flick through its pages.

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Haunting Melodies : Exploring People and Resources : A Novel / Sushil Kumar Shahi

Kathmandu: Oriental Publication, 2018

v, 176p.

9789937593953

\$ 12.00 / PB

150gm.

Haunting Melodies captures soil and man, culture and community, hysteria and history in an opaque form and leaves the readers on a search of transparent pasture.

A stimulating novel written in simple language covering multidimensional issues of Nepalese society.

A wonderful narrative with rich description and dramatization of historical realities of Karnali-Bheri communities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351133>

Politics/International Relations

Nepal's Foreign Policy : From Expediency to Pragmatism / Sushil Koirala (Ed)

Dinesh Bhattarai

Kathmandu: Jananayak B.P. Koirala Memorial Trust, 2017

356p.

9789937020534

\$ 30.00 / PB

498gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351134>

Trans-Himalayan Silk Road / Hiranya Lal Shrestha

Bhaktapur: Hiranya International Friendship Library, 2018

xii, 44p.

9789937034791

\$ 12.00 / PB

82gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351135>

The Idea of Integrity and the Universe of Corruption and Anticorruption /

Devendra Raj Panday

Kathmandu: Redink Books, 2018

xvi, 526p.

Includes Index

9789937922203

\$ 40.00 / HB

836gm.

The Idea of Integrity and the Universe of Corruption and Anticorruption is a book about the ways in which one could be more critical and socially creative in the study of corruption and anticorruption.

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Nepal-China Relations : New Avenues and Possibilities / (Eds) Mr. Madhavji

Shrestha & Dr. Anjan Shakya

Kathmandu: International Concern Center, 2017

380p.

9789937031431

\$ 35.00 / HB

604gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=351137>

Journal

EBHR-European Bulletin of Himalayan Research, Autumn 2017 – Spring 2018 :
Relations between Britain and Nepal / (Ed) Martijn van Beek (et al.)
Special Double Issue 50-51
Kathmandu: Social Science Baha (EBHR Editorial Committee)
ISSN: 0943-8254
\$ 15.00 / PB
250gm.

Articles:

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/ John Whelpton

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