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Art

Pakistan : Beauty and Splendour / Irfan Mirza
Second Edition
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2023
196p.
9789692101172
\$ 150.00 / HB
2086gm.

After the runaway success of the first *Pakistan Beauty & Splendor* coffee-table book published in 2019, Paramount Books now presents its second edition. A captivating and awe-inspiring account of Pakistan's unique natural wonders, *Pakistan: Beauty and Splendour 2nd Ed* presents a splendid collection of 167 captivating images of locations rarely seen and some even unknown. This book invites you on a journey to the quintessential scenic lands, lakes, deserts, meadows and remote mountains of Pakistan. The vivid and breathtaking images of basecamps of the country's highest peaks, the lush fields of Punjab, the fairytale waterfalls of the Northern region, to the 1050-kilometre coastline – all compiled into a 12×14-inch coffee table book that inspires you through what it shares, each picture speaking a tale only a few can tell. This book is a most convincing testament to Pakistan's deserved presence in the list of worldwide tourist destinations.

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Concordia at the Edge of K2 / Dr. Javaid Rashid& Irfan Mirza
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2024
viii, 80p.
9786273100937
\$ 150.00 / HB
800gm.

Book Details:

Mirza's book "Concordia: At the Edge of K2" chronicles his personal experiences during this demanding trek, capturing the magnificence of the Karakoram Range and the raw beauty of the surrounding landscapes. His photographs transport readers to this remote and awe-inspiring corner of the world, inviting them to appreciate the grandeur of nature and the challenges faced by those who venture into its realms. His knowledge of space sciences allowed him to incorporate his understanding of celestial bodies, astronomical phenomenon, and the night sky into his Astro photography at Concordia.

Through his work, Irfan Mirza not only showcases the splendor of Pakistan's natural wonders but also inspires others to embrace adventure, explore the unknown, and appreciate the profound beauty that lies within their own countries.

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From Kurrachee to Karachi : A Nostalgic Journey Through Time via Vintage Postcards, Photographs and Painting / Safdar Nensey
Goa, India: CinnamonTeal Design and Publishing, 2019
216p.
9789387676527
\$ 100.00 / HB
1104gm.

What seems to come across so strongly from pages (that follow) is the sheer elegance of so many of the buildings and fixtures of old Karachi. While the town still claims a unique architectural and historical heritage, these photographs recall from what a rich stock that heritage is drawn, and how much of it has been destroyed or vandalized since the beginning of this century.

From Kurrachee To Karachi encompasses my nostalgic journey through time using vintage postcards and photographs handpicked from my personal collection, along with paintings of Karachi's beautiful Victorian, Edwardian and Gothic style architecture. The book is a simple compilation interlaced with brief text instead of tedious sojourns. It is not intended to be any sort of travelers' guide to Karachi or a researched history book, since I do not consider myself an expert on Karachi. It is my way of showing gratitude to the city that has given me so much and still continues to do so.

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Atlas/Maps

Atlas of Islamic Republic of Pakistan / (Ed-in-Chief) Major General Rafiq Ur Rehman
Fifth Edition
Pakistan: Surveyor General of Pakistan, 2023
362p.
\$ 150.00 / HB
2018gm.

An Atlas of a country, region or area highlights its importance by depicting political boundaries and prevailing situations of natural, cultural, historical, socio-economic factors and features within those boundaries. Present global scenario and modern technological advancement has put the fundamental concept of GIS and geo-spatial data vital to human development. Atlas is indeed an ideal compendium of visualized geo-spatial data and maps to show various geographical features of natural and cultural advancements. The Fifth Edition 2023 of Atlas of Islamic Republic of Pakistan is specifically developed with modern technological approaches and concepts.

The Atlas of Islamic Republic of Pakistan is an effort by the National Surveying and Mapping Organization, Survey of Pakistan. The Atlas comprises of seven sections. Section-1 closely illustrates the physical and political environment of the country. Section-II includes regional maps on scale 1:1.5M. Section-III includes thematic set up while section-IV includes tourist guide maps of important cities. Section-V has some details about the emerging projects of CPEC. Section-VI & VII includes world continental and thematic maps respectively.

Although, this Atlas provides enough maps and details about Pakistan but still have room to incorporate more information. Maps are coupled with comprehensive and to the point narrated details, illustrations and pictures (where necessary).

Previous edition of this Atlas was highly appreciated by planners, experts, researchers, students, cartographers and geographers from all the corners of the country, as well as

abroad. This challenging task would not have been accomplished without the dedicated efforts of our committed staff.

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Biography/Memoirs

A House in Lahore : Growing up Jewish in Pakistan : A Memoir / Hazel Selzer Kahan
Lahore: Vanguard Books, 2023

xvi, 252p.

9789694026558

\$ 45.00 / HB

474gm.

Fleeing Germany in 1933 and Italy in 1937, two 27-year-old Jewish physicians seek a new future in British India. In 1940, now a family of four, they are arrested and interned by the British as "enemy aliens" until their release in 1946. The children are sent to boarding schools while their parents build a medical practice in what has become Pakistan. Following regime change, Jews are no longer welcome and in 1971, the family leaves Lahore forever.

This memoir describes the contradictions and dilemmas of growing up Jewish in internment and post-British Raj Muslim Pakistan, shuffling identities while learning the futility of belonging and the negotiable meaning of home. Drawing on extensive boarding school correspondence, the book unflinchingly examines the power of letter writing to bind a scattered family but also its inability to prevent schisms.

Her father's death releases in the author a compulsion to discover whether her beloved childhood house still stands. Forty years after leaving "forever," she returns to the town of her birth, unsure whether welcome or rejection await but unprepared for what she finds!

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Living Souls : Memories / S. M. Shahid

Karachi: BBCL-BDD Publications, 2019

xii, 226p.

9789699760051

\$ 35.00 / HB

513gm.

Living Souls: Memories is a glimpse into the lives of some 30 public and private personalities who walked with the author, S.M. Shahid, through his life and career. Shahid has had a long career in advertising and has authored several books on classical and film music and personalities. Most of the individuals portrayed in Living Souls are his contemporaries, who made their mark with distinction in their respective fields, irrespective of their level of fame. All these lives often overlapped with the life, career and interests of the author, thus making the book an autobiographical account as well. Also, indirectly, the narrative illustrates the social and cultural transformations that have taken place in Pakistan over the last 60 years or so.

A major topic — though not the only one — expounded in the book, besides relationships, is Subcontinental classical music and its distinguished performers, as well as the minutiae of the ragas, gharanas and the inherent conventions and notes that differentiate one raga from the other.

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Doctor Syedna Muhammad Burhanuddin : The Great Spiritual and Religious
Leader of Dawoodi Bohra Community / Syed Mahmood Khaver (Translator) Hadi Rizvi
Karachi: Paramount Publishing Enterprise, 2013
170p.
9789694948904
\$ 35.00 / HB
379gm.

The supreme leader of the Dawoodi Bohra Community is the nominated representative of the Divine Imam and carries out the Divine Mission of the Imam. This belief is an essential tenet of the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Faith Sect. The Bohra community, therefore, besides seeking his advice and guidance in religious and spiritual matters, also approaches him even in worldly affairs such as business, trading, social, cultural, and personal or for conducting solemn ceremonies like marriages etc.

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Economics

How China Became Rich? : From Poverty to Prosperity : An Eyewitness Perspective / Syed Hasan Javed
Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2024
lxvi, 330p.
9786273100227
\$ 40.00 / HB
634gm.

China achieved zero poverty target, unlike any other country in global history. This is remarkable, as China faced greater problems in 1980s, due to its obsolete economic structure, management, and conceptual issues, than many countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. China has succeeded in eliminating poverty, so can the Muslim world which is blessed with even more formidable resource endowments. The book narrates how China tried and tested several innovative strategies before generating one virtuous cycle after another of wealth creation for poverty alleviation. Essentially, its efforts boiled down to providing sustainable source of income to every citizen. The IFI template of state charity, neither achieved wealth creation nor poverty alleviation in Pakistan which continues to move in vicious circles of poverty, indebtedness, and underdevelopment. China's success offers major lessons for Pakistan. I commend Ambassador Syed Hasan Javed, who witnessed it all from ground zero during his decade-long stay in China, for writing yet another book of critical importance for all of us.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=872811>

De-Securitize, De-Colonize, Industrialize : A Manifesto for Structural Reforms / Raheem ul Haque
Lahore: Sanjh Publications, 2023
xvi, 208p.
9789695934326

\$ 35.00 / PB
246gm.

The book argues that Pakistan has been in the grip of an unending holistic decline since the 1980s, owing to its adopted strategic policy framework premised on the Security State, militant religious nationalism and neoliberalism inspired market-centric economic paradigm. Stemming this decline, and tackling our multi-crises is primarily dependent on changing the current strategic direction of the state, irrespective of the party or person in power. The author conducts a political, socio-cultural, economic and institutional analysis of the strategic policy framework to propose along with concrete recommendations, an alternative vision and plan encompassing a Developmental State that adopts civic nationalism anchored in the people's Indo-Islamic civilizational roots while espousing a production centric paradigm as its economic strategy.

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Politics/Current Affairs

Proud and Prosperous Pakistan : A Comparative Analysis of Pakistan's Potentials to Rise as a Proud and Prosperous Nation! / Dr Arshad Mahmood
Second Edition

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2021

x, 266p.

Includes Index

9789692102186

\$ 40.00 / HB

3820gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=873025>

Collected Works on Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Huma Baqai

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2023

xx, 196p.

9786273100067

\$ 35.00 / HB

356gm.

It is a collection of 46 articles written in the period from 2018 to 2022, a period which includes major security events like the Pulwama- Balakot skirmish with India, the deep freeze in India-Pakistan relations, the chaotic US withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Taliban takeover and its ramifications for Pakistan, the rise of the Middle Eastern version of Glasnost and Perestroika, and the Ukraine War. Huma Baqai has presented a rational and realistic analysis. The Book is a highly recommended read for any student or practitioner of geo-political policies in Pakistan.

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Religion - Islam

Iqbal and God – A Discourse : The Plaint (Shikwa) and Response to the Plaint (Jawaab-e-Shikwa) – A Rendering into English (With Urdu Text and Transliteration) / Sheikh Abdul Malik

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2020

xviii, 160p

9789696372042

\$ 25.00 / PB

176gm.

This book is not a literal translation of the two poems (Shikwa and Jawaab-e-Shikwa) but a faithful rendering reflecting the original's ethos and appeal. A Historical and Contextual perspective giving the background and current issues adds to the value of the work. It is a must-read for every Muslim, the youth especially, to understand Iqbal's message. Learn about the Muslim past, and perceive the present situation of the world.

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Sociology

Policing Insights : Article on Police and Policing in Pakistan and Beyond / J. J. Baloch

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2022

254p.

Includes Bibliography

9789692103183

\$ 35.00 / PB

292gm.

Policing Insights: Article on Police and Policing in Pakistan and Beyond, more of an expert commentary by a practitioner rather than academic research, critically attempts to encompass all crucial aspects and core elements on police and policing in Pakistan and beyond. Individuals enrolled in basic level police training and orientations can benefit from this discourse to a large extent. It unfolds challenges to policing in the 21st century in terms of changes in basic mission of the police, its policing strategies, use of police technology, police-community relationship, police use of force, and policing the police (governance) issues. It is divided into five parts having more than 45 chapters, covering main areas of the context, history, theory, practice and newer elements of policing such as policing terrorism, policing innovations, policing with technology, and future trends in policing, etc.

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What is Pakistaniat? : 30 Positive Elements of the Unique Pakistani National Identity / Javed Jabbar

Karachi: Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, 2018

xii, 100p.

9789696375302

\$ 25.00/ PB

114gm.

About the book

Unlike historical national identities such as the Greek, Egyptian, Chinese, Russian, Iranian or Turkish identities, Pakistani identity is of extremely recent origins. Yet this relatively new identity has already become firmly rooted. Thus, the question: "What is Pakistaniat?"

This first-ever book on the subject of Pakistaniat precisely identifies the elements that contribute to the unique national identity of the Pakistani people. Some of these elements may well be shared with the peoples of other countries. But in the case of Pakistan, the particularity of each element and their juxtaposition represent what makes Pakistanis uniquely distinct and different from all other peoples and nations.

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