

Rajindar Singh Bedi Shakhsiiyyat Aur Fann

A raw slice of Punjabi village life! The unusual story of a woman compelled to marry one who she brought of as her own son. A brutally honest exploration of sexuality, society and relationships marked by vivid realism and vigour of narration. "For its powerful characterisation and innate humanity, the book is an outstanding contribution to contemporary Urdu literature." — Sahitya Akademi Award Citation

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Though Barely A Hundred Years Old, The Urdu Short Story, Or Afsana', Has Established Itself At The Forefront Of Urdu Literature. Emerging As A Discrete Narrative Genre With Munshi Premchand, It Gained Momentum With The Progressive Writers' Movement In The 1930S. The Partition Of The Subcontinent In 1947 Introduced New Dynamics Into The Genre As Writers Grappled With Emerging Trends Of Modernism And Symbolism As Well As With A Depleted Readership In India And The Challenge Of Establishing A New Literary Tradition Commensurate With A New Nationhood In Pakistan. The Penguin Book Of Classic Urdu Stories Brings Together Sixteen Memorable Tales That Have Influenced Generations Of Readers. From Saadat Hasan Manto'S Immortal Partition Narrative Toba Tek Singh' And The Harrowing Realism Of Premchand'S The Shroud' To The Whimsical Strains Of Qurratulain Hyder'S Confessions Of St Flora Of Georgia' And The Daring Experimentation Of Khalida Husain'S Millipede', This Definitive Collection Represents The Best Of Short Fiction In Urdu. In The Process, It Provides A Glimpse Of The Works Of Acclaimed Masters On Both Sides Of The Border Ismat Chughtai And Ashfaq Ahmad, Rajinder Singh Bedi And Intizar Husain, Krishan Chander And Hasan Manzar, Naiyer Masud And Ikramullah.

On literature in Indic languages and in English.

The first book is a translation of the Urdu classic Taubatun Nasooh. The writer, Nazir Ahmad, was the author of the first Urdu novel, Mirat ul Uroos. The second book, written by Mirza Farhatullah Beg, is a biographical account of Nazir Ahmad, the author of The Penitence of Nasooh.

An attempt to portray the well known Sikh achievers in their respective fields throughout the twentieth century and before.

Details the books that have forever changed civilization, from the Bible and the Koran to Darwin's Origin of the Species and Freidan's Feminine Mystique, and includes a historical overview and fascinating facts for each author and book, and much more.

Original.

Benazir Bhutto returned to Pakistan in October 2007, after eight years of exile, hopeful that she could be a catalyst for change. Upon a tumultuous reception, she survived a suicide-bomb attack that killed nearly two hundred of her countrymen. But she continued to forge ahead, with more courage and conviction than ever, since she knew that time was running out—for the future of her nation, and for her life. In Reconciliation, Bhutto recounts in gripping detail her final months in Pakistan and offers a bold new agenda for how to stem the tide of Islamic radicalism and to rediscover the values of tolerance and justice that lie at the heart of her religion. With extremist Islam on the rise throughout the world, the peaceful, pluralistic message of Islam has been exploited and manipulated by fanatics. Bhutto persuasively argues that America and Britain are fueling this turn toward radicalization by supporting groups that serve only short-term interests. She believed that by enabling dictators, the West was actually contributing to the frustration and extremism that lead to terrorism. With her experience governing Pakistan and living and studying in the West, Benazir Bhutto was versed in the complexities of the conflict from both sides. She was a renaissance woman who offered a way out. In this riveting and deeply insightful book, Bhutto explores the complicated history between the Middle East and the West. She traces the roots of international terrorism across the world, including American support for Pakistani general Zia-ul-Haq, who destroyed political parties, eliminated an independent judiciary, marginalized NGOs, suspended the protection of human rights, and aligned Pakistani intelligence agencies with the most radical elements of the Afghan mujahideen. She speaks out not just to the West, but to the Muslims across the globe who are at a crossroads between the past and the future, between education and ignorance, between peace and terrorism, and between dictatorship and democracy. Democracy and Islam are not incompatible, and the clash between Islam and the West is not inevitable. Bhutto presents an image of modern Islam that defies the negative caricatures often seen in the West. After reading this book, it will become even clearer what the world has lost by her assassination.

Tilism-e-Hoshrubah is an epic narrative of the adventures of the legendary Persian hero Emir Hamza—the protagonist of Hamza Nama—his sons and grandsons. The epic opens with the commander-in-chief of the Islamic army, Hamza, pursuing Laqa, who makes false claims to divinity. Laqa takes refuge in Kohistan, adjacent to the enchanted land of Hoshrubah, ruled by the formidable King of Sahirs, Afrasiyab Jadoo. Afrasiyab reveres Laqa and deposes his sahirs or wizards to help him fight Hamza. Hamza's grandson Asad then sets out to conquer Hoshrubah, assisted by the clever trickster Amar, who

possesses divine artefacts such as a cloak of invisibility and a magic pouch containing parallel worlds. Aided by powerful allies and beset at every step by magical snares, dangerous enchantments and seductive sorceresses, the Islamic army finally conquers Hoshruha. Tilism-e-Hoshruha has enthralled generations of readers with its chivalrous heroes, breathtakingly beautiful princesses, powerful sahirs, sahiras and demons. This brilliant condensed translation by Shahnaz Aijazuddin sensitively reinterprets the highly Persianized Urdu of the original text into this eminently readable book that retains the essence of the original.

Muslim Family And Social Life In Old Delhi, With Its Crowded Markets And Narrow Lanes, Its Festivals And Weddings, Moneylenders And Cheats, Spiteful Servants And Machinating Mothers, Have Never Been As Vividly And Energetically Portrayed As In This Novel, The First Bestseller In Urdu. This Translation, Done In 1903 By An Admiring Englishman, Is A Classic Now Back In Print After A Century.

Urdu Literary Culture examines the impact of political circumstances on vernacular (Urdu) literary culture through an in-depth study of the writings of Muhammad Hasan Askari, who lived during the Partition of India.

Ordained by Fate: English Translition By Avtar singh of Rajinder Singh Bedi's Urdu Novel Ek Chadar Maili Si.

Life and works of Rajindar Singh Bedi?, 1915-1984, Urdu fiction writer.

Surveys the many regional literatures of 20th century India.

In late nineteenth century Lucknow, two rival story-tellers, Syed Muhammad Husain Jah and Ahmed Husain Qamar, wrote a fantasy in the Urdu language whose equal had not been heard before, and which has never been rivalled since. It was called Tilism-e-Hoshruha. The writers claimed that the tale had been passed down to them from story-tellers going back centuries: it was a part of the beloved oral epic, The Adventures of Amir Hamza which had come to the Indian subcontinent via Persia and had gained in popularity during the reign of Akbar, the Mughal emperor. The Tilism-e-Hoshruha is the subcontinent's first wholly indigenous Indo-Islamic fantasy epic. It tells the stories of Amir Hamza's military forces, his grandson and his loyal band of tricksters (masters of wit and disguise) as they go to war with Afrasiyab, the sorcerer who rules the magical land of Hoshruha. Fantasy, the occult, adventure and romance play themselves out in a typically Indian setting as wizards, sorceresses, tricksters and royalty pitch themselves into the battle for Hoshruha. The characters of the epic are marvels of literary creation, and are much more colourful and dashing than those of the Amir Hamza cycle of tales. The Tilism-e Hoshruha runs to twenty four volumes and will be translated into English for the first time ever by Musharraf Ali Farooqi, the acclaimed translator of The Adventures of Amir Hamza. Random House India will publish all the volumes starting with Hoshruha: The Land and the Tilism, i.e. Book 1 of the series.

Sixteen striking stories from one of the richest literary storehouses of the subcontinent. Complex, audacious, and strongly individualistic, the stories in this selection underline the originality and power of the modern Urdu short story. From Qurratulain Hyder to Enver Sajjad, these are stories that dazzle with their wit, brilliance, and intelligence.

This Volume Documents The Focus On The Widow, Regarded As The Dark Half Of Womankind In Tradition, The Structural Counterpart Of The Sumangali Or The Auspicious Married Woman, And To Provide An Archive On Widowhood. The Archive Comprises Prescriptions, Injunctions, Laws And Other Accounts Dating Back To The

5Th Century Bc From Sanskrit Texts As Well As Extracts From Official Documents, Pamphlets And Essays In Many Languages, Published In The 19Th And 20Th Centuries. The Material Is Arranged In Three Parts: Documents, Personal Narratives And Creative Writing In An Attempt To Capture The Complexities Of The Experience Of Widowhood, Its Diversity And Range Across India. With The Emergence Of The Women S Movement In The Last Quarter Of The 20Th Century, The Terms Of Analysis Have Changed And Feminist Inspired Scholarship Has Raised New Questions. In The Anthology The Widow Comes Across Not Just As A Passive Pitiabale Object, Oppressed, Victimised And Patronised But As An Active Resisting Survivor It Is This Last Image That Stays With The Reader.

An authentic, heartfelt and compelling narrative – straight from the horse’s mouth – that reveals for the first time numerous unknown aspects of the life and times of one of the greatest legends of all time who stands out as a symbol of secular India. Dilip Kumar (born as Yousuf Khan), who began as a diffident novice in Hindi cinema in the early 1940s, went on to attain the pinnacle of stardom within a short time. He came up with spellbinding performances in one hit film after another – in his almost six-decade-long career – on the basis of his innovative capability, determination, hard work and never-say-die attitude. In this unique volume, Dilip Kumar traces his journey right from his birth to the present. In the process, he candidly recounts his interactions and relationships with a wide variety of people not only from his family and the film fraternity but also from other walks of life, including politicians. While seeking to set the record straight, as he feels that a lot of what has been written about him so far is ‘full of distortions and misinformation’, he narrates, in graphic detail, how he got married to Saira Banu, which reads like a fairy tale! Dilip Kumar relates, matter-of-factly, the event that changed his life: his meeting with Devika Rani, the boss of Bombay Talkies, when she offered him an acting job. His first film was Jwar Bhata (1944). He details how he had to learn everything from scratch and how he had to develop his own distinct histrionics and style, which would set him apart from his contemporaries. After that, he soon soared to great heights with movies such as Jugnu, Shaheed, Mela, Andaz, Deedar, Daag and Devdas. In these movies he played the tragedian with such intensity that his psyche was adversely affected. He consulted a British psychiatrist, who advised him to switch over to comedy. The result was spectacular performances in laugh riots such as Azaad and Kohinoor, apart from a scintillating portrayal as a gritty tonga driver in Naya Daur. After a five-year break he started his ‘second innings’ with Kranti (1981), after which he appeared in a series of hits such as Vidhaata, Shakti, Mashaal, Karma, Saudagar and Qila.

Biography of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan, 1817-1898, Indian statesman and founder of the Aligarh Muslim University.

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This volume joins together in English for the first time the two editions of Sir Sayyid
Ahmed Khan's classic account of the monuments and environs of precolonial Delhi.
Translator Rana Safvi's annotations and appendices trace the historical development of
the text between 1847 and 1854, before the cataclysmic events of 1857 changed Delhi
forever. The volume includes sketches from the original Urdu edition. It is a valuable
resource for urban historians and scholars of Delhi's monumental history.

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