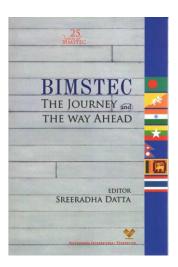
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Recent Additions August 2022

1. BIMSTEC: the journey and the way ahead / Edited by Sreeradha Datta. - New Delhi: Vivekananada International Foundation, 2021.461p.



Abstract: The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a sub-regional organisation straddling five member states from South Asia and two from Southeast Asia. In the larger context of the global developments in the Bay of Bengal and the Indo-Pacific, BIMSTEC has taken on a more distinct salience and collaborative endeavours would prove beneficial for all the member-states. While the lack of perceived progress within BIMSTEC has introduced fatigue and doubts as well as scepticism about its goal and ability to deliver, cooperation within BIMSTEC assumes paramount importance given the present state of international cross-border permeability. This book has six distinct sections, beginning with a broad overview of Bay of Bengal and elaborating on the rational for the sub-regional organisation. The second section on cooperative sectors, includes chapters on technology and climate change and risk management mechanisms. The third section on social and cultural factors traces the roots of Buddhism and highlights issues of gender, poverty and media. The fourth section covers the scope for signing a Free Trade Agreement, Foreign Direct Investment and energy cooperation. The penultimate section focuses on security issues, including religious extremism and possible defence collaborations with the final section highlights the outstanding issues and the challenges that lies ahead, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Postscript summaries the salient points of all the chapters and offers specific prescriptions.

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1. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Techno-Economic Cooperation Regionalism 2. BIMSTEC 3. Asia - Regionalism.I. Datta, Sreeradha ed. II. Title

2. Talbot, Ian

History of British diplomacy in Pakistan / Ian Talbot. - Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2021. 245p.



THE HISTORY OF BRITISH DIPLOMACY IN PAKISTAN



Abstract: This book is the first account of the British diplomatic mission in Pakistan from its foundation at the end of the Raj in 1947 to the 'War on Terror'. Drawing on original documents and interviews with participants, this book highlights key events and personalities as well as the influence and perspectives of individual diplomats previously not explored. The book demonstrates that the period witnessed immense changes in Britain's standing in the world and in the international history of South Asia to show that Britain maintained a diplomatic influence out of proportion to its economic and military strength. The author suggests that Britain's impact stemmed from colonial era ties of influence with bureaucrats, politicians and army heads which were sustained by the growth of a Pakistani Diaspora in Britain. Additionally, the book illustrates that America's relationship with Pakistan was transactional as opposed to Britain's, which was based on ties of sentiment as, from the mid-1950s, the United States was more able than Britain to give Pakistan the financial, military and diplomatic support it desired. A unique and timely analysis of the British diplomatic mission in Pakistan in the decades after independence, this book will be of interest to academics working in the fields of South Asian History and Politics, International Relations, British and American Diplomacy and Security Studies, Cold War Politics and History and Area Studies" -- Provided by publisher.

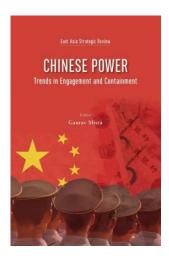
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1. Great Britain - Foreign relations 2. Pakistan - Foreign relations 3. Pakistan- History.I. Title

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3. Misra, Gaurav

Chinese power: trends in engagement and containment / Edited by Gaurav Misra. - New Delhi: KW Publishers, 2021. 243p.



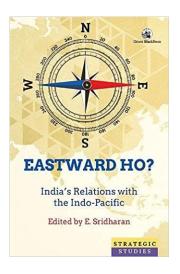
Abstract: The East Asia Strategic Review is an annual publication of the East Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi. The current volume titled "Chinese Power: Trends in Engagement and Containment" intends to present an Indian perspective on China's strategic outreach in the East Asian region under President Xi Jinping. It analyses how Beijing employs the instruments of diplomacy, economy, military and political outreach to engage with the regional countries and how US presence influences the regional dynamics.

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1. China - Foreign relations - Congresses 2. China - Strategic aspects - Congresses. I. Title

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4. Eastward Ho?: India's relations with the Indo-Pacific / Edited by E. Sridharan. - India: Orient Blackswan, 2021.487p.



Abstract: Eastward Ho? analyses India's relationships with the countries lying to its east. It explores India's 'Look East Policy' launched in the early 1990s, later renamed 'Act East' in 2014. Against the backdrop of deepening intra-Asian economic integration, combined with security tensions and rivalries, both related to the economic and strategic rise of China, this volume asks: What are India's relationships like with countries to its east, and what are its challenges, possible roles and options? Parts I and II study the political and economic consequences of the growing Asian integration; the evolving Asian 'security architecture', today's buzzword for institutions and processes; China's ever-changing perceptions of India; and India's emerging relations with Japan and Korea. Part III studies India's economic and strategic relations with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar, and focuses on India and China's tussle for influence over the Himalayan states of Nepal and Bhutan. Part IV concludes the discussion by analysing India's evolving relations with Southeast Asia, namely Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

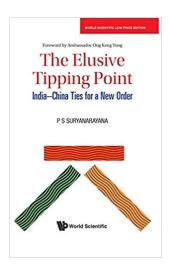
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1. India - Foreign Relations - Asia 2. Asia - Foreign Relations - India.I. Sridharan, E. ed. II. Title

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5. Suryanarayana, PS

Elusive tipping point: India-China ties for a new order / P S Suryanarayana. - Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2021. 247p.



Abstract: The Elusive Tipping Point: China-India Ties for a New Order is a timely foreign-policy-relevant book. This insightful book delves deep into the reasons for frequent diplomatic and strategic crises between Asia's two dynamic ancient civilisations with post-modern capabilities. Set in the context of seventieth anniversary of China-India diplomacy, the spotlight is turned on their complex search for neighbourliness and global good. Often a mirage, the positive tipping point in their state-to-state relations is traced through the past, the present and the potential future. A controversial missed opportunity in the past and a collective-win approach for the present are explored. For Beijing and Delhi, imaginative all-weather dialogue is the best option if they wish to stabilise their engagement for the uncertain future. Despite a deadly clash between their soldiers in June 2020, the two Himalayan neighbours have the opportunity to sustain their summit-level "informal meetings". Conceivable, too, are other avenues of China-India dialogue in a world already shattered by a pandemic called the novel coronavirus disease (COVID). Post-COVID choices beckon.

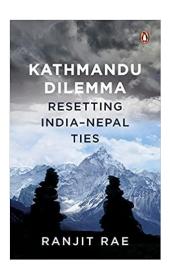
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1. China - Foreign relations 2. India - Foreign relations. I. Title

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6. Rae, Ranjit

Kathmandu dilemma: resetting India-Nepal ties / Ranjit Rae. - Gurugram: Penguin Books, 2021. 237.



Abstract: The first two decades of the new millennium have witnessed a dramatic socio-political transformation of Nepal. A violent Maoist insurgency ended peacefully, a new constitution abolished the monarchy and established a secular federal democratic republic. Nevertheless, political stability and a peace dividend have both remained elusive. Nepal is also buffeted by changing geopolitics, including the US-China contestation for influence and the uneasy relationship between India and China. As a close neighbour, India has been deeply associated with the seminal changes in Nepal, and the bilateral relationship has seen many twists and turns. Partly a memoir, this book examines India's perspective on these developments, in the context of the civilizational and economic underpinnings of the India-Nepal relationship, as well as issues that continue to prevent this relationship from exploiting its full potential. Though there are several Nepalese accounts that deal with this subject, there are few from an Indian point of view. Kathmandu Dilemma fills this gap.

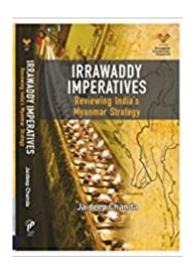
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1. Nepal - Foreign relations 2. Nepal - Politics and government.I. Title

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7. Chanda, Jaideep

Irrawaddy imperatives: reviewing India's Mynamar strategy / Jaideep Chanda. - New Delhi: Pentagon Press LLP, 2021. 470p.



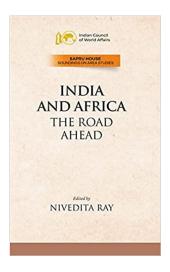
Abstract: Myanmar, the Golden Land, has for ages been the last frontier, steeped in mysticism and mystery. However, knowledge about Myanmar remains woefully inadequate in most spheres including Indian academia, media and in some cases, even foreign policy. The irony is such that premier educational establishments in India provide exotic courses on countries with which India has no borders and are thousands of kilometres away, but do not offer Myanmar studies or language courses, despite India sharing a 1643 km border with Myanmar. India's two-track engagement with Myanmar commenced in 1991 and today, in 2021, has completed 30 successful years of bilateral engagement. The realpolitik driven two tracks being, to engage with Myanmar on functional levels, while concurrently pressing for democratic reforms. On 1 February 2021, all that changed with Senior General Ming Aung Hlaing's coup d'état and the ensuing violence which has already claimed over 700 lives. In such tragic circumstances, 'business as usual' is no longer a viable foreign policy option. With this backdrop, Irrawaddy Imperatives: Reviewing India's Myanmar Strategy, though written well before the coup, provides a fresh and original perspective to India's relationship with Myanmar. In reviewing India's Myanmar strategy, the book uses three principal approaches viz. the borderland studies approach, the geographic realism approach and the third concurrent approach being the centrality of the Northeast and its people as the principal stakeholders in India-Myanmar relations. Over the years the Northeast has been seen as a 'gateway' or 'passage' to the ASEAN and its markets, which consigns the Northeast to a transitory space, rather than a primary space and subordinates it to Myanmar and the ASEAN. The book counters this and suggests viable alternatives.

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1. India - Foreign relations - Myanmar 2. Myanmar - Foreign relations. I. Title

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8. India and Africa: the road ahead / Edited by Nivedita Ray. - New Delhi: KW Publishers, 2021.190p.



Abstract: India and Africa, nurture a historically cordial relationship that has acquired a renewed significance over the last decade, with the change seen in their respective territories and the international system. The common interests that are driving the partnership encompass diverse fields concerning politics, economic development and security. With the changing international system and shifting geopolitics new opportunities are also emerging for India and Africa to collaborate. Against this backdrop the book is an effort to "re-examine" India-Africa relations in this changing global order. It puts together Indian perspectives on various aspects of India-Africa relations and the road ahead. It contains some of the selected papers presented at a national conference on "India-Africa Relations in a Changing Global Order: Priorities, Prospects and Challenges" organised by Indian Council of World affairs on May21-22, 2019. The issues and concerns that have been brought into focus through different papers relate to India and Africa engagement in the context of global governance, democracy, common security and development challenges, diaspora and people to people connections. The book also contains the perspectives shared by Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaih Naidu and Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Shri TS Tirumurti on India and Africa relations in the changing global order.

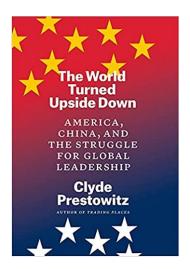
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1. India - Foreign relations - Africa 2. Africa - Foreign relations - India 3. India - Foreign economic relations - Africa 4. Africa - Foreign economic relations - India.I. Ray, Nivedita ed. II. Title

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9. Prestowitz, Clyde

World turned upside down: America, China, and the struggle for global leadership / Clyde Prestowitz. - New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021. 332p.



Abstract: An authority on Asia and globalization identifies the challenges China's growing power poses and how it must be confronted. When China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001, most experts expected the WTO rules and procedures would liberalize China and make it "a responsible stakeholder in the liberal world order." But the experts made the wrong bet. China today is liberalizing neither economically nor politically but, if anything, becoming more authoritarian and mercantilist. In this book, notably free of partisan posturing and inflammatory rhetoric, renowned globalization and Asia expert Clyde Prestowitz describes the key challenges posed by China and the strategies America and the Free World must adopt to meet them. He argues that these must be more sophisticated and more comprehensive than a narrowly targeted trade war. Rather, he urges strategies that the U.S. and its allies can use unilaterally without contravening international or domestic law.

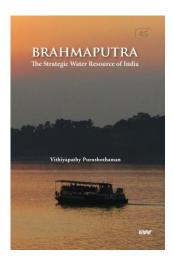
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1. China - Economic policy 2. China - Foreign economic relations - United States 3. United States - Foreign economic relations - China. I. Title

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10. Purushothaman, Vithiyapathy

Brahmaputra: the strategic water resource of India / Vithiyapathy Purushothaman. - New Delhi: KW Publishers, 2021. 91p.



Abstract: Brahmaputra being a transboundary river, it traverses through China, India and Bangladesh. It is subjected to several questions about presently built and proposed dams in its upstream. To decode the truth behind the threat perceptions of dam building on upper reaches, the author has travelled along the course of Brahmaputra River in India. The book includes the first-hand data collected during Assam and Arunachal Pradesh journey. The report thrives to study the flow, usage and its importance in the region. The book also describes China's rivers and its river water management system, its dry 11 regions and how China manages to overcome its shortage of water in those regions. It throws light on China's proposed South to North transfer projects which is designed for meeting the water demands of people. Further, the book highlights the ground water depletion in India and importance of its National Waterway Project. Thus, Brahmaputra being a mighty water resource, it will serve as a strategic water resource for river connectivity from North to South in India. Finally, the book proposes the recommendations to resolve ground water issues in India based on the observations that was done throughout the project.

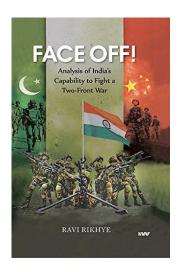
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1. India - Brahmaputra river. I. Title

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11. Rikhye, Ravi

Face off!: analysis of India's capability to fight a two front war / Ravi Rikhye. - New Delhi: KW Publishers, 2021. 584p.



Abstract: FACE OFF! is a detailed narration by Ravi Rikhye on India's capability of fighting a two-front war, for which its armed forces have planned and prepared for long. This unique book systematically covers the military challenges rising from geopolitical evolution. The ground forces of China and Pakistan against whom India is primed, are covered in detail as are air and naval forces to provide readers in-depth knowledge with comparisons given and conclusions arrived at. The crucial question asked is: Can India take on both Pakistan and China at the same time? This book will be essential reading and an invaluable resource for policymakers, strategists, students of South Asian matters, diplomats, and the general public as well. Author Coming from a distinguished Indian Army family, Ravi Rikhye grew up in Shimla and is presently resident of Washington DC. He began studying defence over six decades back, has about 35 books on the subject to his credit.

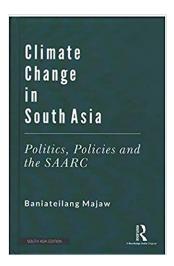
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1. India - Defence 2. India - Military policy 3. Pakistan - Military relations 4. China - Military relations. I. Title

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12. Majaw, Baniateilang

Climate change in South Asia: politics, policies and the SAARC / Baniateilang Majaw. - Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2021. 294p.



Abstract: This volume studies the challenges of climate change in South Asia and examines the role of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in addressing them. It highlights the dangers posed by climate change in South Asia and underlines the need to strengthen and intensify regional cooperation to preserve, protect and manage the diverse and fragile eco-systems of the region. The book examines policies and initiatives of the SAARC in tackling these issues and also analyzes their implementation by member countries. Comprehensive and topical, this volume will be useful for scholars and researchers of South Asian Studies, environmental studies, climate change studies, public policy and governance, development studies, international relations, regional cooperation, and political studies. It will also be of importance to policymakers and NGOs working in this field.

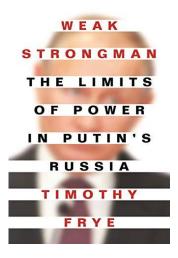
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1. South Asia - Climatic changes 2. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation 3. South Asia - Environmental change 4. SAARC.I. Title

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13. Frye, Timothy

Weak strongman: the limits of power in Putin's Russia / Timothy Frye. - Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021. 269p.



Abstract: Even as Russia's prominence and importance in global affairs has increased, media discussion tends analyze Russian politics in one of two ways: as a direct manifestation of Putin's will, or through the lens of Russia's unique history and culture. In fixating on these interpretative lenses that emphasize Russia "exceptional," we fail to recognize that its policies and practices are actually remarkably similar to those of other autocracies around the world. Drawing from decades of research and field work and from time spent in Russia as part of the US foreign service, Frye demonstrates how a broader lens gives us a much better way to interpret and predict Russian's political behavior. Specifically, this comparative approach helps illuminate the underappreciated limits to power in Putin's Russia. Like other autocracies, Putin and his government face important tradeoffs (implement policies that help the elites and risk a popular uprising? Or implement popular policies and risk an elite coup?) that limit his power and force him to use a much broader set of tools than just the repression. Synthesizing a wealth of social science in a lively, accessible type. Frye shows how this framing can help answer some central questions: is Putin actually popular in Russia, or is his popularity a result of propaganda or coercion? How does repression function in Russia? If and how are Russia's elections manipulated-and why is Russia now focused on interfering with elections abroad? The answers, Frye shows, help us understand how much we miss when we focus solely on Putin in understanding Russia today.

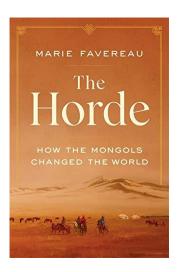
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1. Russia (Federation) - Politics and government 2. Russia (Federation) - Political culture. I. Title

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14. Favereau, Marie

Horde: how the Mongols changed the world / Marie Favereau. - London: Belknap Harvard, 2021. 377p.



Abstract: Favereau subjects the Mongols to a much-needed re-evaluation, showing how they were able not only to conquer but to control a vast empire. A remarkable book. "Peter Frankopan, author of The Silk RoadsThe Mongols are widely known for one thing: conquest. In the first comprehensive history of the Horde, the western portion of the Mongol empire that arose after the death of Chinggis Khan, Marie Favereau shows that the accomplishments of the Mongols extended far beyond war. For three hundred years, the Horde was no less a force in global development than Rome had been. It left behind a profound legacy in Europe, Russia, Central Asia, and the Middle East, palpable to this day. Favereau takes us inside one of the most powerful sources of cross-border integration in world history. The Horde was the central node in the Eurasian commercial boom of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and was a conduit for exchanges across thousands of miles. Its unique political regime a complex power-sharing arrangement among the khan and the nobility rewarded skillful administrators and diplomats and fostered an economic order that was mobile, organized, and innovative. From its capital at Sarai on the lower Volga River, the Horde provided a governance model for Russia, influenced social practice and state structure across Islamic cultures, disseminated sophisticated theories about the natural world, and introduced novel ideas of religious tolerance. The Horde is the eloquent, ambitious, and definitive portrait of an empire little understood and too readily dismissed. Challenging conceptions of nomads as peripheral to history, Favereau makes clear that we live in a world inherited from the Mongol moment.

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1. Golden Horde - Civilization 2. Mongols - History. I. Title

15. Pillai, Manu S.

Courtesan, the Mahatma, and the Italian Brahmin / Manu S. Pillai. - India: Context, Westland, 2021. 384p.



Abstract: From a Maratha prince who parodied caste to a Muslim deity in a Hindu temple; from a courtesan who became a warrior princess to another who sang for the gramophone; from a woman with no breasts to a goddess with three; and from an Englishman who venerated sacred Sanskrit to imperious Victoria Maharani—the essays in this collection open a window into India's past, and to a world of such astonishing richness that it is surprising how much of it has been forgotten or expunged. To dip into these essays is to be absorbed in India's story and reflect on the experiences of men and women whose lives were full of drama and action. We discover the advent of the railways, just as we learn about the history of Indian football; we hear of the hated Lord Curzon's love of India's monuments, even as we unravel the story of the photographer who was Jaipur's maharajah. In the hands of a consummate historian and storyteller, these men and women speak also of the concerns and perspectives of the present, showing us what was, and what might have been. An exhilarating journey with the author of The Ivory Throne and Rebel Sultans, The Courtesan, the Mahatma & the Italian Brahmin is a retelling of history no reader will want to miss.

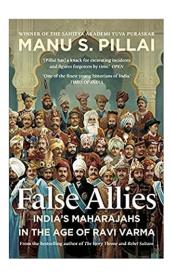
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1. India - History. I. Title

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16. Pillai, Manu S.

False Allies: India's Maharajahs in the age of Ravi Varma / Manu S. Pillai. - New Delhi: Juggernaut, 2021. 528.



Abstract: India's maharajahs have traditionally been cast as petty despots, consumed by lust and luxury. Bejewelled parasites, they cared more, we are told, for elephants and palaces than for schools and public works. The British cheerfully circulated the idea that brown royalty needed 'enlightened' white hands to guide it, and by the twentieth century many Indians too bought into the stereotype, viewing princely India as packed with imperial stooges. Indeed, even today the princes are either remembered with frothy nostalgia or dismissed as greedy fools, with no role in the making of contemporary India. In this brilliantly researched book, Manu S. Pillai disputes this view. Tracking the travels of the iconic painter Ravi Varma through five princely states – from the 1860s to the early 1900s – he uncovers a picture far removed from the clichés in which the princes are trapped. The world we discover is not of dancing girls, but of sedition, legal battles, the defiance of imperial dictates, and resistance. We meet maharajahs obsessed with industrialization, and rulers who funded nationalists, these men anything but pushovers for the Raj to manipulate.

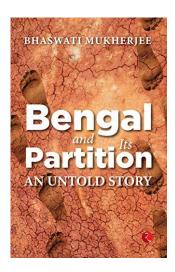
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1. India-Politics and government 2. India-History-British occupation 3. India-Kings and rulers.I. Title

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17. Mukherjee, Bhaswati

Bengal and its partition: an untold story / Bhaswati Mukherjee. - New Delhi: Rupa Publication India, 2021. 213p.



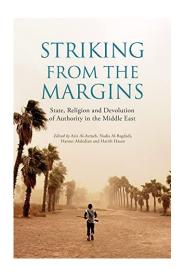
Abstract: As it revisits the partition and indeed the long road to it this book reveals some untold facts for a better understanding of our past, even as it holds a message for the future. My ancestral roots are in Bengal, a region that was left bleeding by the Partition of 1947. This is a narrative about the painful division of a beloved part of undivided India, The Partition of Bengal. I have often wondered if there can ever be closure to the Partition, not only in the generation who lived through the experience, but also the later generations who seem to subconsciously carry the burden of it. I wonder if we will ever be able to finally move on, leaving this painful National legacy behind. Yet, to know the answer to it, We must like a time-traveller go back into the past and look at history and historical events as they unfolded themselves to their final tragic conclusion. Bengal and its Partition tells the untold story of this province's Partition. In the process, it answers profoundly some deeply relevant questions: was this a tragedy waiting to happen? Was Bengal's Partition inherent in its demographic and religious fault lines? Or was it a man-made plot, malicious conceived by the British; played out in Bengal in bloody acts of violence and slaughter? To move on, we can neither ignore nor deny the past which continues to throw a long shadow on our future.

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1. India - Bengal - History 2. India - Bengal - Partition 3. Bengal - India - History 4. Bengal - India - Partition .I. Title

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18. Striking from the margins: state, religion and devolution of authority in the Middle East / Edited by Aziz Al-Azmeh et al.. - London: Saqi Books, 2021.346p.



Abstract: Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Arab world has undergone a series of radical transformations. One of the most significant is the resurgence of activist and puritanical forms of religion presenting as viable alternatives to existing social, cultural and political practices. The rise in sectarianism and violence in the name of religion has left scholars searching for adequate conceptual tools that might generate a clearer insight into these interconnected conflicts. In Striking from the Margins, leading authorities in their field propose new analytical frameworks to facilitate greater understanding of the fragmentation and devolution of the state in the Arab world. Challenging the revival of well-worn theories in cultural and post-colonial studies, they provide novel contributions on issues ranging from military formations, political violence in urban and rural settings, transregional war economies, the crystallisation of sect-based authorities and the restructuring of tribal networks. Placing much-needed emphasis on the re-emergence of religion, this timely and vital volume offers a new, critical approach to the study of the volatile and evolving cultural, social and political landscapes of the Middle East.

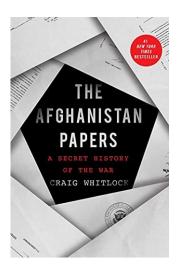
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19. Whitlock, Craig

Afghanistan papers: a secret history of the war / Craig Whitlock. - New York: Simon and Schuster, 2021. 346p.



Abstract: Unlike the wars in Vietnam and Iraq, the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 had near-unanimous public support. At first, the goals were straightforward and clear: defeat al-Qaeda and prevent a repeat of 9/11. Yet soon after the United States and its allies removed the Taliban from power, the mission veered off course and US officials lost sight of their original objectives. Distracted by the war in Iraq, the US military become mired in an unwinnable guerrilla conflict in a country it did not understand. But no president wanted to admit failure, especially in a war that began as a just cause. Instead, the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations sent more and more troops to Afghanistan and repeatedly said they were making progress, even though they knew there was no realistic prospect for an outright victory.

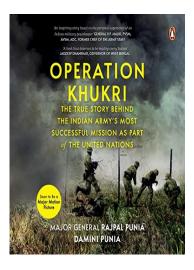
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1. Afghan War.I. Title

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20. Punia, Rajpal

Operation Khukri: the true story behind the Indian army's most successful mission as part of the United Nations / Rajpal Punia and Damini Punia. - India: Penguin Random House, 2021. 201p.



Abstract: The year was 2000. Sierra Leone, in West Africa, had been ravaged by years of civil strife. With the intervention of the United Nations, two companies of the Indian Army were deployed in Kailahun as part of a United Nations peacekeeping mission. Soon, the peaceful mission turned into a war-like standoff between Major Punia's company and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels in Kailahun, with the Indian peacekeepers cordoned off for seventy-five days without supplies. The only way home was by laying down their weapons. Operation Khukri was one of Indian Army's most successful international missions, and this book is a first-hand account by Major Rajpal Punia, who, after three months of impasse and failed diplomacy, orchestrated the operation, surviving the ambush of the RUF in a prolonged jungle warfare twice, and returning with all 233 soldiers standing tall.

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1. West Africa - Army 2. Sierra Leone - Peacekeeping forces 3. West Africa - History - Civil War.I. Punia, Damini II. Title

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