



Amritsar to Lahore: A Journey Across the India-Pakistan Border

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University of Pennsylvania Press, United States, 2000. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 141 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. During the course of my journey, many of the people I met in Pakistan and India expressed a curious combination of affection, indifference, and animosity toward their neighbors across the border. The border divides them but it is also a seam that joins the fabric of their cultures. On 15 August 1947, in what some have argued was the final, cynical act of a collapsing empire, the British left India divided. Arbitrary borders that have profoundly affected the recent history of the subcontinent were drawn upon the map of India. In the violence that accompanied Partition, it has been estimated that close to a million people were killed and more than ten million uprooted and displaced. The hatreds created by what was one of the largest mass migrations in history only exacerbated the religious tensions that originally led to Partition. Since then, India and Pakistan have fought three devastating wars, and the danger of armed conflict is constant. A sensitive and thoughtful look at the lasting effects of Partition on everyday people, Amritsar to Lahore...



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