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About the Book

This book is a definitive Path-breaking account of the partition of the Punjab in 1947. It chronicles how east and West Punjab were emptied of unwanted minorities. Besides shedding new light on the events through secret British reports, it contains poignant accounts by eyewitnesses, survivors and even participators in the carnage, from both sides of the border. These exclusive accounts present partition through the eyes of those who were a part of it, and the effected has had on their lives up to the present day. With interviewees from both sides of the border, the book aims to give a balanced account of Partition, and shows how religious differences are no bare to peaceful coexistence, unless highlighted by divisive forces. It will be of immense interest to anyone even remotely curious about the happenings of the most traumatic event in recent Indian history.

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Preface

I cannot say with certainty when the idea of researching the partition of the Punjab first occurred to me, but it was something that whetted my curiosity from early childhood. I grew up listening to elders, who would describe some of the events that took place on Temple Road, Lahore, where I was born. That canvas expanded over time as I went around La

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