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The Encyclopaedic Dictionary Of Urdu Language And Literature Has Been Prepared With A Specific Planning That Goes Under Alphabetic Order To Include Not Only The Man Of Letters But Also Nearly All Aspects Characterising The Facts Making Up Urdu Literature. It Also Gives A Chronological Picture Of The Development Of Urdu Literature From Around The Sixteen Century To The Present Day. The Contribution Of Many Poets, Writers, Playwrights, Essayists And Critics Are Given Along With Their Biographical Accounts Provided With A Bibliography. The Account Of The Contribution Of Poets And Writers Goes With An Implicit Emphasis Upon The After Effects Of A Literary Work On The Human Mind. The Work Serves The Purpose Of Research And Survey Of Urdu Literature Well. It Is A Reference Work And A Compact Guidebook For Research Providing Bibliography With Each Poet And Prose Writer.

For many people, Urdu is indelibly associated with a bygone era: the cultural renaissance of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in the face of colonial oppression, heady mushairas and romantic poetry. For others, it brings to mind the gritty prose of the Progressive Writers portraying the grim social realities of the mid-twentieth century. In this luminous collection of Urdu poetry and prose, Ralph Russell expands our world of Urdu letters to include folk and oral narratives, besides prose and poetry. By situating each form historically, he gives us a refreshing perspective on the diverse literary cultures and histories of India. Besides canonical short stories by the likes of Manto and Premchand, there is Ismat Chughtai's a little-known autobiographical essay about her relationship with her brother, the writer Azim Beg Chughtai. There are creation tales from the Quran, popular stories of Akbar and Birbal, along with the legendary exploits of Sikandar (Alexander the Great). Selections from the sublime poetry of Mir, Ghalib and others are supplemented by astute commentary and roman transcriptions of the original Urdu. Farhatullah Beg's brilliantly imagined account of the 'last Delhi mushaira' captures a moment in time never seen again, with the horrors of 1857 just around the corner. An accessible introduction for unfamiliar readers, and a pleasurable companion for those familiar with Urdu literature, this volume is a treasure trove of stories, poetry and history. Originally published as *Hidden in the Lute* (1995), this revised edition has been edited by Russell's student and friend for several years, the novelist Marion Molteno.

The Book Seeks To Present A Compact Survey Of The Rich And Varied Contribution Of Urdu To The Indian Literary Mainstream Through Centuries Of Shared Creative Endeavour And Inspiration. Designed To Serve As A Reliable Guide For Interested Readers From Sister Languages, It Brings Into Focus The Currents And Cross Currents That Have Shaped Its History And Produced Personalities Of Distinction And Prestige Whose Works Have Stood The Test Of Time. The Lucid And Balanced Treatment Of Numerous Forms Of Poetry And Prose Has Both Range And Depth And Reveals A Broad Understanding Of The Historical Forces Behind Deviations From Convention And Transformations In Styles That Have Given Us Perennial Sources Of Joy And Intellectual Fulfilment.

The main subject under discussion in this book is DEVELOPMENT OF URDU LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE BRITISH IN INDIA. The writers hope is that it will throw fresh light on the subject and facilitate more

understanding for the western readers. It is not a comprehensive survey, although, it deals with individual thinkers, and their contribution to Urdu literature between modernism and orthodoxy.

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.

Selected and translated by writer, editor and translator par excellence Muhammad Umar Memon, the twenty-five stories in this book represent the finest short fiction in Urdu literature.

The definitive translation by Dick Davis of the great national epic of Iran—now newly revised and expanded to be the most complete English-language edition A Penguin Classic Dick Davis—“our pre-eminent translator from the Persian” (The Washington Post)—has revised and expanded his acclaimed translation of Ferdowsi’s masterpiece, adding more than 100 pages of newly translated text. Davis’s elegant combination of prose and verse allows the poetry of the Shahnameh to sing its own tales directly, interspersed sparingly with clearly marked explanations to ease along modern readers. Originally composed for the Samanid princes of Khorasan in the tenth century, the Shahnameh is among the greatest works of world literature. This prodigious narrative tells the story of pre-Islamic Persia, from the mythical creation of the world and the dawn of Persian civilization through the seventh-century Arab conquest. The stories of the Shahnameh are deeply embedded in Persian culture and beyond, as attested by their appearance in such works as *The Kite Runner* and the love poems of Rumi and Hafez. For more than sixty-five years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,500 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

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Covering 100 years of literary production, this volume includes poems, essays

and sketches, autobiography, drama, humour and satire, and letters by some of the leading lights of modern Urdu literature. The volume also includes interesting anecdotes on well-known literary personages like Ghalib.

In late nineteenth-century South Asia, the arrival of print fostered a dynamic and interactive literary culture. There, within the pages of Urdu-language periodicals and newspapers, readers found a public sphere that not only catered to their interests but encouraged their reactions to featured content. *Cosmopolitan Dreams* brings this culture to light, showing how literature became a site in which modern daily life could be portrayed and satirized, the protocols of modernity challenged, and new futures imagined. Drawing on never-before-translated Urdu fiction and prose and focusing on the novel and satire, Jennifer Dubrow shows that modern Urdu literature was defined by its practice of self-critique and parody. Urdu writers resisted the cultural models offered by colonialism, creating instead a global community of imagination in which literary models could freely circulate and be readapted, mixed, and drawn upon to develop alternative lines of thinking. Highlighting the participation of readers and writers from diverse social and religious backgrounds, the book reveals an Urdu cosmopolis where lively debates thrived in newspapers, literary journals, and letters to the editor, shedding fresh light on the role of readers in shaping vernacular literary culture. Arguing against current understandings of Urdu as an exclusively Muslim language, Dubrow demonstrates that in the late nineteenth century, Urdu was a cosmopolitan language spoken by a transregional, transnational community that eschewed identities of religion, caste, and class. The Urdu cosmopolis pictured here was soon fractured by the forces of nationalism and communalism. Even so, Dubrow is able to establish the persistence of Urdu cosmopolitanism into the present and shows that Urdu's strong tradition as a language of secular, critical modernity did not end in the late nineteenth century but continues to flourish in film, television, and on line. In lucid prose, Dubrow makes the dynamic world of colonial Urdu print culture come to life in a way that will interest scholars of modern Asian literatures, South Asian literature and history, cosmopolitanism, and the history of print culture.

Urdu language, member of the Indo-Aryan group within the Indo-European family of languages. Urdu is spoken by more than 100 million people, predominantly in Pakistan and India. It is the official state language of Pakistan and is also officially recognized, or "scheduled," in the constitution of India. Significant speech communities exist in the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States as well. Notably, Urdu and Hindi are mutually intelligible. Urdu developed in the 12th century CE from the regional Apabhramsha of northwestern India, serving as a linguistic *modus vivendi* after the Muslim conquest. Its first major poet was Amir Khosrow (1253-1325), who composed Dohas (couplets), folk songs, and riddles in the newly formed speech, then called Hindvi. This mixed speech was variously called Hindvi, Zaban-e-Hind, Hindi, Zaban-e-Delhi, Rekhta, Gujari, Dakkhani, Zaban-e-Urdu-e-Mualla, Zaban-e-Urdu,

or just Urdu, literally 'the language of the camp.' Major Urdu writers continued to refer to it as Hindi or Hindvi until the beginning of the 19th century, although there is evidence that it was called Hindustani in the late 17th century (Hindustani now refers to a simplified speech form that is India's largest lingua franca). Urdu is closely related to Hindi, a language that originated and developed in the Indian subcontinent. They share the same Indic base and are so similar in phonology and grammar that they appear to be one language. In terms of lexicon, however, they have borrowed extensively from different sources--Urdu from Arabic and Persian, Hindi from Sanskrit--so they are usually treated as independent languages. Their distinction is most marked in terms of writing systems: Urdu uses a modified form of Perso-Arabic script, while Hindi uses Devanagari. 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.

Some of the best Urdu short stories, from the earliest to contemporary works, come together in this anthology; all in brand new translations. Some of the stories included here are available in different anthologies in other translations, but there are also several that have been translated for the first time, specifically for this volume. The book demonstrates the range of the genre in Urdu.

It is the sunset of the Mughal Empire. The splendour of imperial Delhi flares one last time. The young daughter of a craftsman in the city elopes with an officer of the East India Company. And so we are drawn into the story of Wazir Khanam: a dazzlingly beautiful and fiercely independent woman who takes a series of lovers, including a Navab and a Mughal prince—and whom history remembers as the mother of the famous poet Dagh. But it is not just one life that this novel sets out to capture: it paints in rapturous detail an entire civilization. Beginning with the story of an enigmatic and gifted painter in a village near Kishangarh, The Mirror of Beauty embarks on an epic journey that sweeps through the death-giving

deserts of Rajputana, the verdant valley of Kashmir and the glorious cosmopolis of Delhi, the craft of miniature painting and the art of carpet designing, scintillating musical performances and recurring paintings of mysterious, alluring women. Its scope breathtaking, its language beguiling, and its style sumptuous, this is a work of profound beauty, depth and power.

This book is a companion volume to author's earlier book, "Masterpieces of Urdu Ghazal" which contained English translations of 108 ghazals selected from nine major poets. The present volume contains 129 ghazals representing 20 outstanding Urdu poets. Thus, this anthology, taken together with The Masterpieces, may rightly claim to be a fully representative collection of Urdu ghazals in English translation. The ghazals are carefully selected and explained in English for the average readers as well as Urdu Connoisseurs. The book contains brief biographical notes and introductory essays on the ghazals.

This Path Breaking Work Raises Several New Questions About Urdu Literary Culture And Traces The Origins And Development Of Urdu Literary Thought From 1300 To 1850

This work has successfully managed to order a vast and amorphous body of literary activity into one volume. The book marked a stage in the development of literary consciousness even more deeply than preceding works by Abdul Latif and Ram Babu Saxena. Taking a historical view, the study regards the formative Deccan period as most creditable both for the natural bent of the language and the natural inclination of the poets. The author regards the pure, indigenous Urdu better than the Persianised Urdu. The literary history ends with a notice on Mohammad Iqbal. The Progressive Writers Movement was yet to be launched, and the author was standing at a cusp. From this vantage, he provided us with a useful summary of the past, and gave a context to unfolding trends in literature.

This book is the first of its kind on the socio-political history of Urdu. It analyses the historiography of the language-narratives about its names, linguistic ancestry, place of birth and relates it to the politics of identity-construction among the Hindus and Muslims of India during the last two centuries. More importantly, a historical account of the use of Urdu in social domains such as employment, education, printing and publishing, radio, films and television etc. has been provided for the first time. These accounts are related to the expression of Hindu and Muslim identity-politics during the last two centuries. Evolution of Urdu from the language of the laity, both Hindus and Muslims, of the Indian subcontinent during the period between 15th-18th centuries to its standardization into two languages: Persianized Urdu and Sanskritized Hindi are highlighted here. The writer looks at narratives of the names, theories of genealogy and places of origin of the language in relation to the political imperatives of identity-politics of Hindus and Muslims during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In a nutshell, historiography is analyzed with reference to its political and ideological dimensions-and a fresh analysis regarding the linguistic history of Urdu is provided.

From Faiz Ahmad Faiz to Ali Sardar Jafri, this book explores a critical history of the Progressive Writers' Movement (PWM) in India, particularly in the context of Urdu literature. Study of Urdu novels published during 1947-1967.

"Magisterial" (Pankaj Mishra, The New York Review of Books) and "to Urdu fiction what One Hundred Years of Solitude is to Hispanic literature" (TLS) The most important novel of twentieth-century Urdu fiction, Qurratulain Hyder's River of Fire encompasses the fates of four recurring characters over two and a half millennia. These characters become crisscrossed and strangely inseparable over different eras, forming and reforming their relationships in romance and war, in possession and dispossession. River of Fire interweaves parables, legends, dreams, diaries, and letters, forming a rich tapestry of history and human emotions and

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redefining Indian identity. But above all, it's a unique pleasure to read Hyder's singular prose style: "Lyrical and witty, occasionally idiosyncratic, it is always alluring and allusive: Flora Annie Steel and E. M. Forster encounter classical Urdu poets; Eliot and Virginia Woolf meet Faiz Ahmed Faiz" (The Times Literary Supplement).

This Book Contains Two Kinds Of Essays: Reflections On Urdu Literature And The People And Organizations Which Have Been Concerned With Promoting It, And What Might Be Called Ethnographic Pieces On Islam In South Asia, With Comments On Trends In Islam.

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