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"Pakistan and its Troublesome Neighbors"

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In Light of What We Know, Zia Haider Rehman, 2014

Case of Exploding Mangoes, Mohammed Hanif, 2008

The Reluctant Fundamentalist, Mohsin Hamid, 2007

Breaking Faith, Graham E. Fuller, 2015

In Other Rooms, Other Wonders, Daniyal Mueenuddin, 2009

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Pakistan. The Indus Valley civilization, one of the oldest in the world and dating back at least 5,000 years, spread over much of what is presently Pakistan. During the second millennium B.C., remnants of this culture fused with the migrating Indo-Aryan peoples. The area underwent successive invasions in subsequent centuries from the Persians, Greeks, Scythians, Arabs (who brought Islam), Afghans, and Turks. The Mughal Empire flourished in the 16th and 17th centuries; the British came to dominate the region in the 18th century. The separation in 1947 of British India into the Muslim state of Pakistan (with West and East sections) and largely Hindu India was never satisfactorily resolved, and India and Pakistan fought two wars and a limited conflict - in 1947-48, 1965, and 1999 respectively - over the disputed Kashmir territory. A third war between these countries in 1971 - in which India capitalized on Islamabad's marginalization of Bengalis in Pakistani politics - resulted in East Pakistan becoming the separate nation of Bangladesh. In response to Indian nuclear weapons testing, Pakistan conducted its own tests in mid-1998. India-Pakistan relations improved in the mid-2000s but have been rocky since the November 2008 Mumbai attacks and have been further strained by attacks in India by militants suspected of being backed by Pakistan. Nawaz Sharif took office as prime minister in 2013, marking the first time in Pakistani history that a democratically elected government completed a full term and transitioned to a successive democratically elected government. Following a series of bomb and suicide attacks by the Tehrik-e Pakistan Taliban (TTP) begun in 2007, the Pakistan Government and TTP representatives agreed to a cease-fire in early 2014. However, by mid-year 2014 the talks collapsed and the TTP resumed attack plotting against Pakistani targets. (*Information courtesy of Dr. Steven Zaveloff, St. Mary's University*)

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For additional reading, our members suggest:

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Freedom at Midnight. Dominique LaPierre and Larry Collins, 1975, reprinted 1999

Magnificent Delusions: Pakistan and the United States, an Epic History of Misunderstandings. Husain Haqqani, 2013, 413 pages

The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide. Gary Bass, 2013, 528 pages

The Great Convergence: Asia, the West, and the Logic of One World. Kishore Mahbubani, 2013, 315 pages

Conference

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MacDonald, Myra. *Defeat is an Orphan: How Pakistan Lost the Great South Asian War*. 2017, Oxford University Press, 320 pp

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Rashid, Ahmed. *Descent into Chaos: The U.S. and Disaster in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia*. 2009, Penguin, 560 pp

Saikal, Amin. *Zone of Crisis: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Iraq*. 2014, I B Taurus and Company, 240 pp

Weiner, Myron and Ali Banuazizi (editors). *The Politics of Social Transformation in Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan*. 1993, Syracuse University Press, 448 pp