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Strengthening Pakistani American Representation in Libraries Across the United States

Recommended Books on the Pakistani American Experience

Children

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams
King for a Day by Rukhsana Khan
Malala, a Brave Girl from Pakistan/Iqbal, a Brave Boy from Pakistan: Two Stories of Bravery by Jeanette Winter
For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai’s Story by Rebecca Langston-George
Ruler of the Courtyard by Rukhsana Khan
The Carpet Boy’s Gift by Pegi Deitz Shea
Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed
The Yasmin Series by Saadia Faruqi
Malala’s Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai
Night of the Moon by Hena Khan
The Secret of the Himalayas by Hena Khan & Adam Gidwitz

Pre-Teen and Young Adult

A Thousand Questions by Saadia Faruqi
Mud City (Breadwinner) by Deborah Ellis
Iqbal by Francesco D’Adamo
Pakistan (Enchantment of the World) by Liz Sonneborn
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan
Amina’s Song by Hena Khan
More to the Story by Hena Khan
Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream by Hena Khan

Adult

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai & Christina Lamb
Moth Smoke by Mohsin Hamid
Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar
The Upstairs Wife by Rafia Zakaria
Meatless Days by Sara Suleri
An American Brat by Bhapsi Sidhwa
The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid
In Other Rooms, Other Wonders by Daniyal Mueenuddin
Our Stories: An Introduction to South Asian America by the South Asian American Digital Archive
Desis Divided: The Political Lives of South Asian Americans by Dr. Sangay Mishra
Pakistan: A Hard Country by Dr. Anatol Lieven
Churches of Pakistan by Safdar Ali Shah
Countering Violent Extremism in Pakistan by Dr. Anita Weiss
30 Days: Stories of Gratitude, Traditions, and Wisdom by Salma Hasan Ali
The Nine Lives of Pakistan by Declan Walsh
Summers Under the Tamarind Tree by Summaya Usmani
The Karachi Kitchen by Kausar Ahmed
The Sole Spokesman by Ayesha Jalal
Instant City by Steve Inskeep