

Glimpses Into The Corridors Of Power By Gohar Ayub Khan

When mankind moves out to the stars, the colonists of the future will remake the worlds they inhabit in their image. Included here are twenty stories from the most imaginative writers in the field, including: Poul Anderson * Stephen Baxter * Gregory Benford * Arthur C. Clarke * Greg Egan * Joe Haldeman * Philip Jennings * William H. Kieth * Geoffrey A. Landis * Ian McDonald * Richard McKenna * Laura Mixon * G. David Nordley * Robert Reed * Kim Stanley Robinson * Pamela Sargent * Cordwainer Smith * Bruce Sterling * John Varley * Roger Zelazny These are the stories of the explorers and pioneers who transform their destinations in the image of their distant home--exciting tales of alien landscapes and the struggle to make them suit human desires.

This book is the first comprehensive study of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI). The rise of Pakistan-backed religious extremist groups in Afghanistan, India, and Central Asia has focused international attention on Pakistan's premier intelligence organization and covert action advocate, the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate or ISI. While ISI is regarded as one of the most powerful government agencies in Pakistan today, surprisingly little has been written about it from an academic perspective. This book addresses critical gaps in our understanding of this agency, including its domestic security mission, covert backing of the Afghan Taliban, and its links to al-Qa'ida. Using primary source materials, including declassified intelligence and diplomatic reporting, press reports and memoirs, this book explores how ISI was transformed from a small, negligible counter intelligence outfit of the late-1940s into the national security behemoth of today with extensive responsibilities in domestic security, political interference and covert action. This study concludes that reforming or even eliminating ISI will be fundamental if Pakistan is to successfully transition from an army-run, national security state to a stable, democratic society that enjoys peaceful relations with its neighbours. This book will be of interest to students of intelligence studies, South Asian politics, foreign policy and international security in general.

Brad Sherman would have settled for being one of the best auto mechanics in town, living happily with his wife Melanie and their two kids. He really didn't need, or for that matter want, the gift that he was about to discover that he had. But one morning, he realized that he could see things that others could not, and because of that gift, he might be able to save them some misery. This is a tale of an ordinary guy with the ability to use his extraordinary talent to help those in trouble and to right some wrongs, all from the front seat of a car. We all might consider backing up a sedan mundane, but in Brad's case, that simple maneuver took on new meaning.

A collection of stories, each a glimpse into the dark. TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR GLIMPSES IN THE DARK: CLARKS DEMISE (a man's last day of sanity) TOTALITARIAN (Fascism has taken Britain) DELUSION DETECTIVE (A writer loses touch with reality) PRINCE PIERRE (A bullied woman's fantasy almost comes true) LITTLE BROTHER (To join a gang, he must risk everything) PROJECT PURE (A man must escape humanity to discover humanity) THE CAGE (Welcome to the world's worst prison) EVIL SMILES (A murderous triangle of love) A CURIOUS CONFESSION (A teenager discovers love and he might be a psychopath) IT BEGINS WITH WATER (Two friends contend with nuclear apocalypse) FREEDOM? (A vlogger blurs the lines of liberty) WHERE THE WONDER LIES (A heartbroken man discovers a cult) HOLE 19 (Teenagers discover evil in the woods) LOVE AND HATE (A skinhead falls in love with an immigrant) CLASSES APART (A woman discovers real meaning)

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'Judges & Generals in Pakistan - Volume I' by Inam R Sehri is a collection of mostly his published articles; explaining diverse scenarios. This book evaluates certain conflicting news, editorials, opinions and criticisms on historical issues. No misleading intelligence story, no distracting investigative report, no concocted interview and no feed from the 'concerned ones' yet everything seems innovative; no fiction in this book but simple narration of facts. 'It is the collection of tragedies and misgivings which are deliberately buried in suspicions and darkness since decades. I've simply dug them out, collated and placed together for those who want to keep a track of their past;' Sehri holds.

From my home in San Juan, a lovely sector of central Tibas, situated just north of San Jose, Costa Rica, while the candle flickers I commence the writing of these varied glimpses. Warning! What you are about to read are personal memoirs! They are much to do about self. They amount to a large group of random thoughts, sporadic observations. I always feel I am somehow supposed to write my thoughts down what a big ego I must have because (I like to think that) if you put them all together, they form a loose-knit way of seeing the world. They are a part of my worldview. Everyone has one of these what's your view of the world look like? I am going to be a world philosopher when I grow up, you see. That is what my intention is, since I have always been preoccupied with how to see things, how to process things. How odd is life anyway. That's why my interest in philosophy to figure out the oddness of life. Normally, I think philosophy can be pretty dry and boring. But, for me, it's terribly exciting. In this book, what you are about to delve into will resemble the form of an ongoing story. It will consist of a sequence of six weeks of shadows and lights (i.e. days and nights). After that time, wherever I am at with it, I will stop, and simply and abruptly start to write another book about something else I know not what. Here though, I will (I suspect) be sharing with you a series of ideas, dreams, fears, logical thoughts, illogical thoughts, wonderings, wanderings and general psychobabble. I say that because I intend to impart thoughts and ideas about whatever might be in my ongoing existence in being. This could be anything, I assure you as of course it could be for anyone. Exactly what will appear in the pages that represent the next six weeks of my life, I do not have any idea that, for me, is going to be much of the fun of writing it!

AN EVIL FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IS STILL HERE... Trapped behind the veil of another reality, a Fallen angel from antiquity sets in motion a plan of escape—a plan which involves summoning his real world progeny to himself through an oceanic gateway. As the day of escape nears, those the angel has abducted fight to flee the island themselves. But can they decode the megalithic formulas in time, or will they be left behind, trapped in an unsettled version of Bermuda for the rest of their lives? And if the angel does escape back to the real world, will he succeed in freeing his condemned brethren from Tartarus, unleashing tribulation on the earth in an attempt to reinstate a long lost Golden Age? In a battle between Good and Evil, Light and Darkness, a group of ex-soldiers will come face-to-face with the birth of a cosmic, age-long conspiracy that could spell the end of the world as they know it. Described by readers as "Dan Brown meets LOST meets Left Behind," Nephilim Island begins with John Carter looking for his missing brother in a tranquil Bermuda and ends with an epic clash between worlds in Apocalypse Rising. This special edition contains all three novels in the Progeny trilogy.

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In 1969, Henry Catto was selling insurance in San Antonio, Texas. Just twenty years later, he presented his credentials as ambassador to the Court of St. James's to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at Buckingham Palace. In this engaging memoir, he retraces his journey from Texas outsider to Washington insider, providing a fascinating look at the glamour, day-to-day work, and even occasional danger that come with being a high-level representative of the United States government. Catto's posts brought him into contact with the world's most powerful leaders and left him with a wealth of stories, which he recounts amusingly in these pages. He was the official host for Queen Elizabeth's visit to America during the Bicentennial year—and one of José Napoleon Duarte's protectors after his failed 1972 coup attempt in El Salvador. Catto accompanied Richard Nixon on his historic trip to Russia, sparred with Bill Moyers and the producers of "60 Minutes" as Caspar Weinberger's spokesman at the Pentagon, and hosted George Bush's planning meeting with Margaret Thatcher at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War. In telling these and other stories, he offers behind-the-scenes glimpses into how political power really works in Washington, London, and other world capitals.

This latest edition of The Pearson General Studies Manual continues to provide exhaustive study material for the General Studies paper of the UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination. This student-friendly book has been completely revised, thoroughly updated and carefully streamlined and is strictly exam-centric. In this new edition, a large number of new boxes and marginalia—“with additional and relevant information” have been added to provide cutting-edge information to the aspirant. Readers will find that important facts and information have been presented in the form of well-structured tables and lists.

The war of 1971 that created Bangladesh was the most significant geopolitical event in the Indian subcontinent since partition in 1947. It tilted the balance of power between India and Pakistan steeply in favor of India. Srinath Raghavan contends that the crisis and its cast of characters can be understood only in a wider international context.

"Just a Thin Slice" is a selective account of a family history covering nearly 400 years. The life and times of multiple generations are characterized for the sake of young members of the family and for others who may find the account to be a useful or edifying word. This second edition provides an updated set of reflections in accordance with our changing times.

Larissa Channer, a tough no-nonsense mercenary in the Sectors, is celebrating success on her last job and a big bonus, with no slightest thought of taking on another assignment anytime soon. Out for a night of carousing with her friends at a third rate carnival on a backwater planet, she walks into the tent of a fake fortune teller and finds herself confronting the most intriguing man she's ever seen. But something's wrong, ominous currents lie beneath the surface of their encounter and Larissa can't leave well enough alone. Samell, a powerful, high born empathic priest, has been kidnapped from his own primitive planet along with a number of his people, and sold to the shady operator of an interstellar carnival. Kept enslaved, pretending to be a fortune teller while forced by his captor to steal information from the minds of all who come before him, Samell despairs of every breaking free. Until Larissa walks into his tent and he recognizes the warrior who might mean the difference between life and death. The situation becomes dire when Larissa and Samell come to the attention of the Shemdylann pirates who kidnapped him in the first place and the deadly Mawreg, aliens who threaten the Sectors. Can she save herself and the empathic alien noble, and derail the Mawreg plot against the Sectors? And will the soldier end up with her prince when all's said and done?

The threat of terrorism and the increasing power of terrorist groups has prompted a rapid growth of the security services and changes in legislation, permitting the collection of communications data. This provides journalism with acute dilemmas. The media claims responsibility for holding power to account, yet cannot know more than superficial details about the newly empowered secret services. This book is the first to analyze, in the aftermath of the Snowden/NSA revelations, relations between two key institutions in the modern state: the intelligence services and the news media. It provides the answers to crucial questions including: how can power be held to account if one of the greatest state powers is secret? How far have the Snowden/NSA revelations damaged the activities of the secret services? And have governments lost all trust from journalists and the public?

China and Pakistan have been each other's only 'all-weather friend' for decades, but the relationship remains little understood. Small recounts the history of the Sino-Pakistani axis, including details on its most sensitive aspects, such as China's dealings with the Taliban and its support for Pakistan's nuclear programme. Today this relationship plays a central role in Asia's geopolitics, with ramifications for Afghanistan, India, Asia as a whole, and the West. Finally, Small discusses the dilemma China faces in maintaining its current relationship with Pakistan.

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice Multilayered, subtle, insightful short stories from the inimitable Booker Prize-winning author, with an introduction by Anita Desai Nobody has written so powerfully of the relationship between

and within India and the Western middle classes than Ruth Praver Jhabvala. In this selection of stories, chosen by her surviving family, her ability to tenderly and humorously view the situations faced by three (sometimes interacting) cultures—European, post-Independence Indian, and American—is never more acute. In “A Course of English Studies,” a young woman arrives at Oxford from India and struggles to adapt, not only to the sad, stoic object of her infatuation, but also to a country that seems so resistant to passion and color. In the wrenching “Expiation,” the blind, unconditional love of a cloth shop owner for his wastrel younger brother exposes the tragic beauty and foolishness of human compassion and faith. The wry and triumphant “Pagans” brings us middle-aged sisters Brigitte and Frankie in Los Angeles, who discover a youthful sexuality in the company of the languid and handsome young Indian, Shoki. This collection also includes Jhabvala’s last story, “The Judge’s Will,” which appeared in *The New Yorker* in 2013 after her death. The profound inner experience of both men and women is at the center of Jhabvala’s writing: she rivals Jane Austen with her impeccable powers of observation. With an introduction by her friend, the writer Anita Desai, *At the End of the Century* celebrates a writer’s astonishing lifetime gift for language, and leaves us with no doubt of Ruth Praver Jhabvala’s unique place in modern literature. “The stories—all of them elegantly plotted and unsentimental, with an addictive, told-over-tea quality—are largely character studies of people isolated, often tragically, by custom or self-delusion . . . Vivid, unsparing portraits are leavened with the kind of humanizing moments that evoke a total world within their compression.”—Megan O’Grady, *The New York Times Book Review*

This study explores the interconnections of the British, Chinese, and trans-ethnic and trans-national aspects of Mo's imagination. It deals with his artistry as well as his controversial statements and actions in the public domain.

This study examines the conflict between two visions for Pakistan: a modern constitutional framework and an Islamist state. The author argues that Western liberal ideas were at the root of Pakistan’s creation, analyzes the society’s drift away from its founding philosophy, and assesses optimistic indications of its revival.

When Tabitha stole the *Starship Plenty*, she had no idea what it would come to mean. Its alien nature began to burrow into her affections. Now the rules are changing and with them come war and treachery. Tabitha is facing a crisis and this time round, *Plenty* might not be the saviour. A winner of the Arthur C. Clarke and British Science Fiction Awards, the series featuring intergalactic pilot Captain Tabitha Jute concludes with her daring flight into a dying star system to avert a plot against the human race.

An exploration of the architecture of dormitories that exposes deeply held American beliefs about education, youth, and citizenship Every fall on move-in day, parents tearfully bid farewell to their beloved sons and daughters at college dormitories: it is an age-old ritual. The residence hall has come to mark the threshold between childhood and adulthood, housing young people during a transformational time in their lives. Whether a Gothic stone pile, a quaint Colonial box, or a concrete slab, the dormitory is decidedly unhomelike, yet it takes center stage in the dramatic arc of many American families. This richly illustrated book examines the architecture of dormitories in the United States from the eighteenth century to 1968, asking fundamental questions: Why have American educators believed for so long that housing students is essential to educating them? And how has architecture validated that idea? *Living on Campus* is the first architectural history of this critical building type. Grounded in extensive archival research, Carla Yanni’s study highlights the opinions of architects, professors, and deans, and also includes the voices of students. For centuries, academic leaders in the United States asserted that on-campus living enhanced the moral character of youth; that somewhat dubious claim nonetheless influenced the design and planning of these ubiquitous yet often overlooked campus buildings. Through nuanced architectural analysis and detailed social history, Yanni offers unexpected glimpses into the past: double-loaded corridors (which made surveillance easy but echoed with noise), staircase plans (which prevented roughhousing but offered no communal space), lavish lounges in women’s halls (intended to civilize male visitors), specially designed upholstered benches for courting couples, mixed-gender saunas for students in the radical 1960s, and lazy rivers for the twenty-first century’s stressed-out undergraduates. Against the backdrop of sweeping societal changes, communal living endured because it bolstered networking, if not studying. Housing policies often enabled discrimination according to class, race, and gender, despite the fact that deans envisioned the residence hall as a democratic alternative to the elitist fraternity. Yanni focuses on the dormitory as a place of exclusion as much as a site of fellowship, and considers the uncertain future of residence halls in the age of distance learning.

With the winter solstice just three months away, the Pure-blooded remnants are desperate for a plan that will get them into the relocated pyramid in time. But when scouts on a reconnaissance mission into the New Territory stumble across a cave that holds some of their missing sisters, Jackson and Paul spearhead an effort to get them back—and in the process discover that a lot more than just the island's topography has changed. Meanwhile, Hunter has returned with some added features of his own, believing that he might just have the answer to their imprisonment buried in his subconscious. But can he and Daniel meet up with the others in time? Or will the island's new (or perhaps much, much older) inhabitants prove to be just another move on a multidimensional chessboard over which the game to free Abaddon has been playing out across the ages? An epic showdown between the forces of Light and Darkness will not only determine the fate of the island and all those trapped on it but could also set the course for all of mankind in this wild, action-packed final installment of the *Progeny* trilogy.

3 more fast-paced thrillers packed with ancient artifacts, relics of power and adventure at the edge of the supernatural
One Day In Budapest (ARKANE Thriller Book 4) A relic, stolen from the heart of an ancient city. An echo of nationalist violence not seen since the dark days of the Second World War. Budapest, Hungary. When a priest is murdered at the Basilica of St Stephen and the Holy Right relic is stolen, the ultra-nationalist Eröszak party calls for retribution and anti-Semitic violence erupts in the city. Dr Morgan Sierra, psychologist and ARKANE agent, finds herself trapped inside the synagogue with Zoltan Fischer, a Hungarian Jewish security advisor. As the terrorism escalates, Morgan and Zoltan must

race against time to find the Holy Right and expose the conspiracy, before blood is spilled again on the streets of Budapest. One Day In Budapest is a chilling view of a possible future as Eastern Europe embraces right-wing nationalism. A conspiracy thriller, where religion and politics intersect. Day of the Vikings (ARKANE Thriller Book 5) A ritual murder on a remote island under the shifting skies of the aurora borealis. A staff of power that can summon Ragnarok, the Viking apocalypse. When Neo-Viking terrorists invade the British Museum in London to reclaim the staff of Skara Brae, ARKANE agent Dr. Morgan Sierra is trapped in the building along with hostages under mortal threat. As the slaughter begins, Morgan works alongside psychic Blake Daniel to discern the past of the staff, dating back to islands invaded by the Vikings generations ago. Can Morgan and Blake uncover the truth before Ragnarok is unleashed, consuming all in its wake? Day of the Vikings is a fast-paced, action adventure thriller set in the British Museum, the British Library and the islands of Orkney, Lindisfarne and Iona. Set in the present day, it resonates with the history and myth of the Vikings. Gates of Hell (ARKANE Thriller Book 6) An ancient manuscript that leads to the Gates of Hell. A woman's revenge for the death of her father. When the last of the Remnant is murdered at the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, ARKANE agent Dr Morgan Sierra is drawn into the hunt for a supernatural Key. She's joined by agent Jake Timber, who must face his own fears as they decipher clues left behind by Kabbalist scholars. From ancient sites in Spain, to Israel and the Czech Republic, Morgan and Jake must follow the trail to the Key, while evading Adam Kadmon, a man consumed with a lust for dark power. As the planets align, Morgan and Jake race against time to find the Key and destroy it before the Devourers and the Polluted of God emerge from the Gates of Hell to ravage the earth. If you love action-packed supernatural thrillers, download a sample or buy now.

War and Peace in Contemporary India examines the importance of institutions and the role played by international actors in crucial episodes of India's strategic history. The contributions trace India's tryst with war and peace from immediately before the foundation of the contemporary Indian state, to the last military conflict between India and Pakistan in 1999. The focus of the chapters included in this edited volume is as much on India as it is on Pakistan and China, its opponents in war. The chapters offer a fresh take on the creation of India as a regional military power, and her approach to War and Peace in the post-independence period. Importantly, it advances the broader work on Indian strategic history during the Cold War and after, an otherwise under-studied intellectual landscape. The book offers fresh insights based on archival work, as well as a closer conceptual reading of Indian, British and American decision making at times of war and peace in contemporary India. This book will be of great interest to scholars, researchers and students interested in strategic studies, diplomatic and military history, international diplomacy, as well as Indian history and politics. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of the Journal of Strategic Studies.

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Designing for Education: Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities 2011 showcases over 60 recently built or refurbished educational facilities from 28 countries. Collectively, these projects demonstrate state-of-the-art design in this field.

A whole generation has grown up in Afghanistan knowing little but the ravages of war. The dramatic overthrow of the Taliban regime in 2001 was simply one event in a series of interrelated struggles which have blighted ordinary people's lives over the last three decades, and which continue to interfere with reconciliation and reconstruction. This new edition of The Afghanistan Wars provides a meticulously-documented history of these successive waves of conflict. From the roots of Afghanistan's slide into disorder in the late 1970s to the challenges faced by Afghan leaders following the substantial withdrawal of international forces in 2014, it explores military and diplomatic history while also offering valuable insight on humanitarian action, gender, medical and cultural themes. Thoroughly revised in the light of the latest research, the third edition also features a new final chapter which examines recent developments in Afghanistan, bringing the story up to the present day and mounting a strong case for continuing support for this troubled country. New to this Edition: - A final chapter on the recent developments in Afghanistan up to the present day - Revised to take into account the considerable amount of new material published on this topic since 2009 - Refreshed and updated throughout

Articles, chiefly on Telugu folk literature.

James Crawford uncovers the biographies of 20 of the world's most fascinating lost and ruined buildings, from the dawn of civilization to the cyber era. The lives of these iconic structures are packed with drama and intrigue, featuring war and religion, politics and art, love and betrayal, catastrophe and hope.

Three high school students on a wilderness trip with their church group struggle with moral decisions, while several of Satan's underlings try to lead them astray. Includes sections that relate the story to real-life decisions and matters of spiritual growth.

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