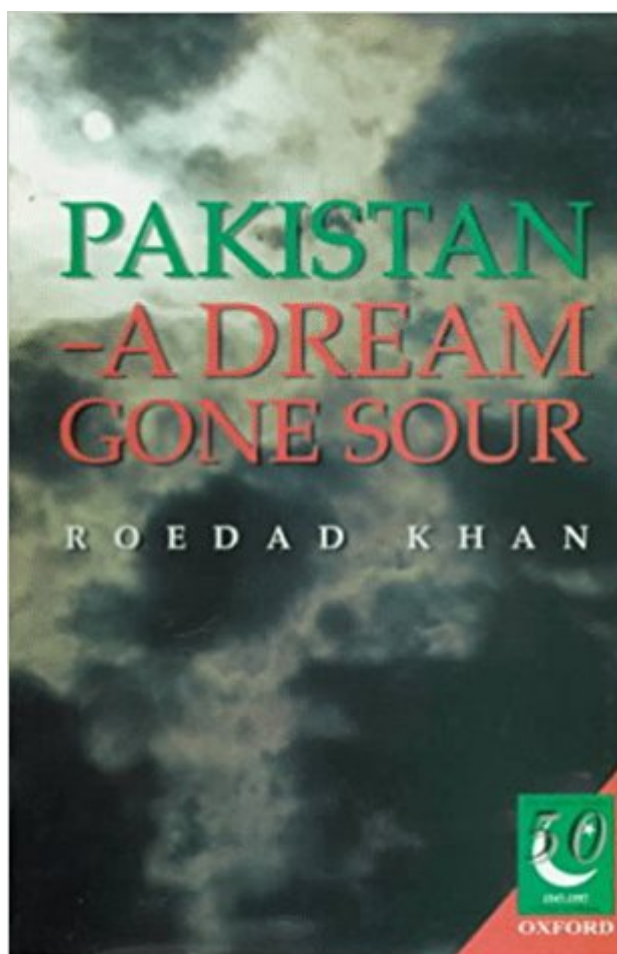


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Roedad Khan is a retired bureaucrat.

Mr. Roedad Khan writes an rare, insightful anecdotal account of the personalities instrumental in shaping Pakistan today. As a senior civil servant, he was close to all the decision-makers (from Ayub Khan to Ghulam Ishaq Khan). I feel that he is a very honest man who is just as critical of himself as he is of others. If there were more like him in Pakistan, I believe that Pakistan would have been a better country to live in. Relations with India would also have been better, although Mr. Khan does not dwell upon Pakistan's foreign relations. Some quotes from the book are telling - "...This is

not the country I opted for in the Referendum held in my home province of the NWFP in 1947, and this is not the country I would like to die in. I badly want a Pakistan to defend, a nation I can belong to, fight for, and die for...These days our country is collapsing into itself...Pakistan today is a land of opportunities for corrupt, unscrupulous, unprincipled politicians, corrupt and dishonest civil servants, smugglers and tax evaders..."The book lacks consistency (contextual and editorial) and is at times boring with lengthy legal documents prepared by Mr. Khan in his various capacities in the Pakistan government. The book does a good job of diagnosing Pakistan's ills, but does not offer any solutions.

A know Roedad Khan and some of his sons. Mr R. Khan was one of the most corrupt bureaucrats in the history of Pakistan. As Secretary General of the interior ministry, the police from all the country was under his control and he was well known to be receiving bribes from the famously rich police elite. Mr. R. Khan is arrogant, rude, obnoxious and nothing more than an opportunist who was part and parcel of corruption and nepotism rampant in that unfortunate country. After helping himself to ten of millions, getting prestigious and high profile jobs for his numerous sons, this hypocrite "in the evening of his life" is shedding crocodile tears. The Pakistan dream turned sour because crooks like Roedad Khan were carrying out the dictates of the dictators and making themselves rich.

I found this book very captivating and absorbing. My heart was full of tears reading this book. I would recommend this book to anybody especially people like me living in states and not fully aware how events took place in this sad story of Pakistan

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