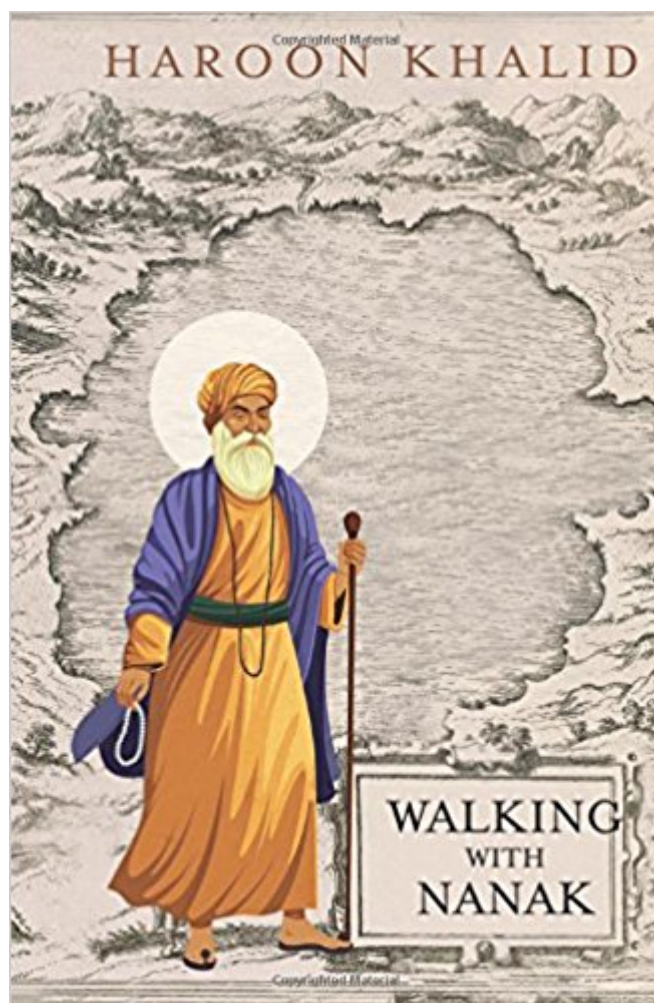


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Walking With Nanak: Travels In His Footsteps



Synopsis

Haroon Khalid's lifelong fascination with Guru Nanak was reignited when he came upon Babur Bani, a poem written by the saint. This, and the discovery that Guru Nanak spent a large part of his life in Pakistan, inspired Khalid to undertake a journey that he hoped would help him learn more about the revered founder of Sikhism. In this wonderful paean to Guru Nanak, Khalid describes his travels across the length and breadth of Pakistan as he visits the many gurdwaras and other locales associated with the saint, delving into their history and musing about their place and significance in a Muslim country. But this book is not merely a story about gurdwaras, it is also a re-telling of the story of Nanak the son, the poet, the wanderer, the father, the friend. Sifting through the stories of his miracles and poetry, we emerge with a picture of Nanak, the man. Also exploring the histories of all the subsequent Gurus after Nanak, the book traces the story of how an unorganized spiritual movement evolved into the institutionalized Khalsa of Guru Gobind Singh. Through the journeys of all the Gurus, the book describes how Nanak the poet became Guru Nanak the saint.

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This is an exceptional book, and one that I cannot have any complaint about. It is a book that definitely needs to be read, and I say this on several levels. One, it is well written. It is easy to read, and the reader can almost sense the spirituality behind the book. This, in today's times, is remarkable because it is written by a Pakistani, and the man who has done a lot of research on Gurudwaras in Pakistan is another Pakistani. Read the book, and draw lessons from it. Today, the name of Bhai Mardana is largely forgotten, but he was the Muslim who travelled with Nanak and gave tune to his poems. Another lesson for us modern folk. The Guru Granth Sahib contains the

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This is a wonderful book for an atheist who believe in crux of goods in religion. I specially liked it for its simplicity and Haroon made me feel like walking with Nanak.

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