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IN *SINDHI REFLECTIONS*:

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*Lata Jagtiani has a deep interest in issues that concern the future of the Hindu Sindhi community. Through *Sindhi Reflections*, she has been able to preserve, for posterity, the first-hand accounts of those Sindhis who left their ancestral homes soon after the Partition of India in 1947.*

Their hasty departure, often in a penniless condition, intrigues many of us who wonder what could have driven them to leave everything they had nurtured, suddenly.

**Sindhi Reflections* is an attempt to understand that reality, through interviews and profiles. The book also carries a section in which young Hindu Sindhis speak on their own identity crisis as people who live across the globe and yet feel like nomads, as people forever in search of a home.*

Sindhi Reflections is a fascinating collection of over 140 true accounts and profiles of Sindhi Hindus who left their ancestral homes during and after the Partition of India, mainly between 1947 and 1950. This book captures the true experiences of Hindu Sindhis who went from riches to rags, only to climb back to riches again.

From August 14, 1947, Sindh stopped being part of India and belonged to a new Islam-dominated nation, Pakistan. Hindus of Sindh suddenly found the environment change and felt like they had become strangers in their own ancestral homes. They lived in fear in a hostile environment. For a pacifist community, this was a nightmare. They abandoned their homes and lands and left for India, in many case with just the clothes on their bodies.

There was no time for either self-pity or blame. Many millionaires speak in *Sindhi Reflections* of their terrible past and of their lives today. Found today either on the golf course or at the bridge table or sitting quietly solving a crossword, they regret nothing.

Lata Jagtiani has put together these amazing accounts and profiles, which offer us a rare glimpse into the lives of a dynamic, fun loving and happy community. The trials, the triumphs, the sorrows, the deaths, the successes, the adventures, these and other experiences are researched and recorded in *Sindhi Reflections*, making it an invaluable book for all students of Indian history.

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