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Baraka: The Indus Valley Poems

By Patricia Lee Sharpe

Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Baraka poems are sensuous and lyrical, but they also depict real life, especially for women, in worlds where the religious-minded look to a patriarchal past for inspiration and so, naturally, these poems are about men, too, their pride, their privileges. The explicit local is Pakistan, above all, the sprawling port city of Karachi and its neighboring provinces. Sharpe asks us to confront zoom-by murders and honor killings while also bringing us the consolations offered at Sufi shrines: relief, hope, even joy. We visit the mountains, picnic on the beach and journey to Baluchistan where unseen women produce sumptuous feasts for their domineering menfolk. Sensuous but keen-eyed, these poems create a world that is all too real and relevant to all in our interconnected world. Baraka: The Indus Valley Poems could have been written by a Pakistani who loved this land and grieved for it. In these poems Karachi comes alive - Fahmida Riaz, Four Walls and a Black Veil Sharpe slips behind the veils, the screens, the walls, the gates that keep much of Pakistani life out of view...



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