DR. DALVIR SINGH PANNU was inspired to research and write SIKH HERITAGE: BEYOND THE BORDERS by his long-standing passion for unearthing the narratives of Sikh historical and religious places displaced during the India–Pakistan partition of 1947. Today, these monuments stand out as the symbols of peaceful and harmonious past lives of people sharing a heritage whose affinities go beyond physical borders and territories.

SIKH HERITAGE dedicates one chapter each to the 84 sites that it documents, transporting readers to the past by narrating the detailed history of each marvel which the author and his team photographed throughout Pakistan. This book is the culmination of decade-long field work of finding and exploring the heritage sites, alongside analyzing multiple Janamsakhis (hagiography accounts). The author’s process of doing extensive analysis and cross-referencing with other sources enables readers to comprehend Sikh history, by posing inquiries, applying critical thinking, and investigating hundreds of sources. He includes a multitude of primary sources and Gurmukhi inscriptions, translated into English, to increase heritage-lovers’ understanding of these sites and to help preserve their beauty and histories through his writing.

Along with practicing full-time dentistry, the author has a fervor for the Sikh heritage in Pakistan. Believing that each one has a story to tell, he is gratified to have unearthed their stories for this book.

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