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End of the year scorecard: 2020 has been a difficult, dangerous and depressing year. Like last year, I again read 41 books this year- it was reading which kept me going through these gloomy times. I also reviewed 4 books, which are mentioned on the top of this list of 41 books

- 1) Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Rivalry That Unravelling the Middle East
- 2) Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment: A Global and Historical Comparison by Ahmet Kuru
- 3) The Nine Lives of Pakistan: Dispatches from a Divided Nation by Declan Walsh

- 4) Pakistan: A Kaleidoscope of Islam by Mariam Abou Zahab
- 5) On the Meaning of Life by Will Durant
- 6) Pakistan- The Politics of the misgoverned by Azhar Hassan Nadeem
- 7) Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy voters: Democracy Under Inequality in Rural Pakistan by Shandana Khan Mohmand

- 8) The Bhutto Dynasty: The Struggle for Power in Pakistan by Owen Bennett-Jones
- 9) The battle for Pakistan by Shuja Nawaz
- 10) Pakistan's Political Parties by Nahid Siddiqui, Mariam Mufti, and Sahar Shafqat
- 11) Pakistan at Seventy by Shahid Javed Burki

- 12) New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change by Akbar Zaidi and Mathew McCartney
- 13) Aap Beeti Jug Beeti by Saad Khairi
- 14) Fading Memories of Islamabad by Saud Mukhtar

- 15) Punjab and the War of Independence 1857-1858: From Collaboration to Resistance by Turab ul Hasan Sangrana
- 16) Royals and Rebels: The Rise and Fall of the Sikh Empire by Priya Atwal
- 17) People's History of Punjab by Manzoor Ejaz
- 18) Mastery by Robert Greene

- 19) The 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene
- 20) The 33 Strategies of War by Robert Greene
- 21) The 50th Law by Robert Greene

- 22) Exercise of Power by Robert Gates
- 23) The Riddle of History: The Great Speculators from Vico to Freud by Bruce Mazlish

- 24) How Democracies Die by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt
- 25) The Man on Horseback: The Role of Military in Politics by S E Finer
- 26) India in the Persianate Age 1000-1765 by Richard Eaton
- 27) The Emperor Who Never Was: Dara Shukoh in Mughal India by Supriya Gandhi

- 28) Iran Reframed: Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic by Narges Bajoghli
- 29) Leadership in War: Essential Lessons from who made History by Andrew Roberts
- 30) The Army and Democracy: Military Politics in Pakistan by Aqil Shah

- 31) Crashed: How a Decade of Financial Crises Changed the World by Adam Tooze
- 32) Partition: The story of Indian independence and the creation of Pakistan in 1947 by Barney White-Spunner

- 33) Cold War in the Islamic World: Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Struggle for Supremacy by Dilip Hiro
- 34) The Tragedy of Great Power Politics by John Mearsheimer
- 35) India and Pakistan: Continued Conflict or Cooperation? by Stanley Wolpert
- 36) Prime Movers by Ferdinand Mount

- 37) Profiles in Leadership: Historians on the Elusive Quality of Greatness by Walter Issacson
- 38) The Siege of Mecca: The Forgotten Uprising in Islam's Holiest Shrine and the Birth of al-Qaeda by Yaroslav Trofimov
- 39) Mencken's America by H.L.Mencken

- 40) The Strategy of Conflict by Thomas Schelling.
- 41) Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft, and World Order by Charles Hill