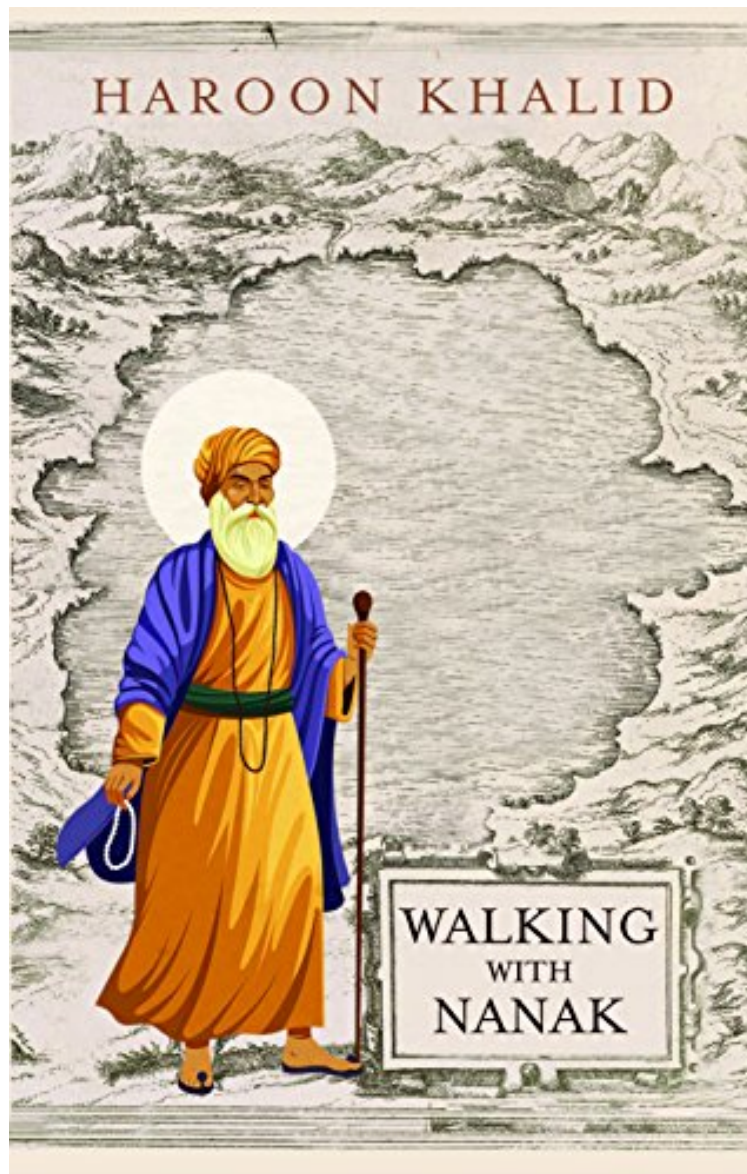


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent must read "outsider" perspective By S. Singh In this book, Khalid tries to strip down the janamsakhis and present a more likely account on what occurred during Guru Nanak's travels. While the author's religion shouldn't matter, it is important to note that the author is a Pakistani Punjabi Muslim, and hence this can be seen as a bit different "outsider" perspective than the many books written about Guru

Nanak already. I highly enjoyed it as I was looking for a book that covered Guru Nanak written in a more academic and less dogmatic and fanciful ('miracle filled') stories. This will appeal to all religions whether one is sikh, muslim, hindu, buddhist, or christian. Khalid covers some of the regions politics and ties it to the current day policies in this politically and religiously tied region.

Haroon Khalid's lifelong fascination with Guru Nanak was reignited when he came upon Baburbani, 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.