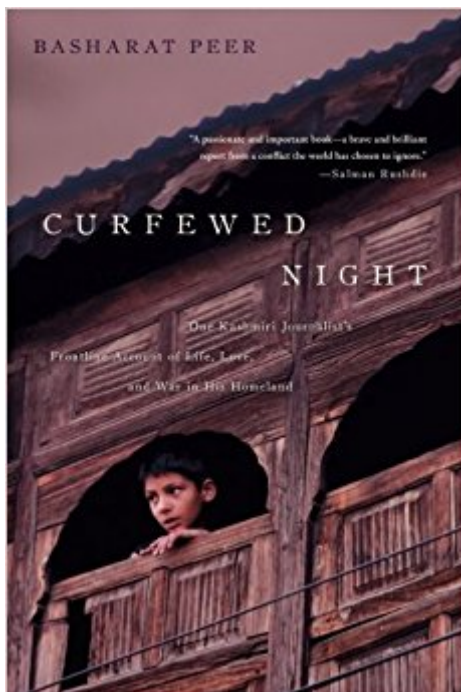


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# Curfewed Night



## Synopsis

Basharat Peer's powerful memoir about growing up in war-torn Kashmir.

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## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** Native Kashmiri and journalist Peer writes carefully about his country's descent into war over the past 20 years. Covering the separatist movement and the country's fragile position between India and Pakistan, both of which covet Kashmir, places Peer in danger; but he resists the pull of traditional war reportage. He is first and foremost an eloquent writer, and his ability to turn a phrase like a novelist, even when writing about the most devastating of truths, is what elevates this title. From life in a village militarized by India to fleeing militants trained by Pakistan, Peer sees the conflict from the ground up and how both sides are so casually destroying what they want for their own. Death and dishonor have become commonplace for the victims, soldiers, and warriors. Whether considering torture prisons or the souls of poets, Peer travels his homeland looking for Kashmir's heart. It is killing me, says one friend as life under occupation and terrorist threat grinds down upon him. Peer longs for a brighter future while hoping that someday the war they were fighting . . . would disappear like footsteps on winter snow. A stunning book on the loss of peace. --Colleen Mondor --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Describing the ruin of Kashmir, Curfewed Night doesn't only shock, it challenges our most cherished beliefsâin democracy, rule of law, and the power of individual conscience. Everyone

should read it." â ” Pankaj Mishra, author of Temptations of the West" The story of Kashmir has never been told before so evocatively and profoundly. Peer writes with the skill of a novelist, the insight of a journalist and the evocative power of a poet." â ” Ahmad Rashid, author of The Taliban and Descent" A passionate and important book - a brave and brilliant report from a conflict the world has chosen to ignore." â ” Salman Rushdie Curfewed Night is the finest book I have read on the contemporary Kashmir conflict â “ literary, humane, clear-eyed and reliable. Basharat Peer has given voice, unforgettably, to a generation of Kashmiris who have never been heard in the United States, but who should be. â ” Steve Coll, author of The Bin Ladens, Ghost Wars and On The Grand Trunk Road --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I appreciate Peer Ji's journalism standards. The book is just not only the facts but also shows his writing skills with serious observations and good mix of satire and sense of humour. Surely, his family values and upbringings have saved him from following the path of violence and yet serving the cause staying within the system. I truly appreciate this writing.

Curfewed Night is a single most brilliant memoir set in the backdrop of the violence of 1990s Kashmir. Echoes of most of its content can also be heard in the 2014 Bollywood movie, Haider (Dir., Vishal Bharadwaj) in which Basharat Peer co-wrote its screenplay with Bharadwaj. Brilliant study of Kashmir conflict studied together.

Great read and excellent expose of living under occupation. Nobody should have to live under these conditions with shattered dreams and hopelessness. This book is a great reminder that we must all struggle to preserve our freedoms and help those who are yearning to be and live free.

A very well written book. It tells the history of a troubled place, not in terms of the power play and the "big picture", but how it felt like growing up in this world ... A world that at times confused you and at times showed you a direction. But at the end it inevitably shaped a generation. Insightful, personal and very readable

Loved it

An author this educated could have been a bit more honest in describing the ethnic cleansing of the Pandit community. The islamist apologist in the author is always lurking underneath. His book is

also another vindication of how resorting to externalizing of the problems in Islamic society and frequent recourse to dishonesty has created trouble for minorities in virtually all muslim societies. The one sided victimization narrative is also a bit jarring as it removes objectivity and makes for incomplete cause effect analysis...too often the author resorts to the 'we were all fluffy bunnies' caricaturization of kashmiri society. otherwise a decent effort...

I lived in Kashmir during the 90's and while reading Curfewed night, I relived the terrible events of those years. Basharat has done a great job of recording and compiling a sample of the immense suffering that Kashmiris endured during the 90s and continue to suffer the wider implications of the impasse. I bought 4 copies after reading it to distribute to my friends and family. A must read for anyone interested in the Kashmir problem.

Excellent

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