The book has been written by Mr Aitzaz Ahsan, the accomplished lawyer politician and visionary. Part-I of this book—The Two Regions—examines the divide between Indus (Pakistan) and India, along geographical lines. Part-II—The Two Worlds—investigates the difference between the Indus (The Indians) and the most recent foreign rulers, the British. Part-III—The Two Nations—explores the essential divide between the Muslims and the Hindus of the subcontinent. In endeavouring to determine the generic nature of each divide, an attempt has been made to discover the original inhabitant of the Indus region. The underlying purpose of this book is to discover and define the Indus person, the Pakistani citizen. It encompasses the entire period from pre-history to partition in 1947.

The book restates the social, political and cultural history of Pakistan that the author calls the Indus. The book corroborates certain historical facts and refutes several resource-based assumptions on the basis of authentic sources that also included poetic works. The Indian concept of Mahabharat as one invisible unit is analytically challenged.

The author claims to have written a history with a difference. About the flaws in the previous histories of Pakistan, the author says, “Our earth, we are told, was not our own until people from distant lands came and conquered it (and us), for us. Our ancient heroes cannot be our heroes because they preceded our own conversion to our faith. Muslim conquerors fought only Hindu infidels, never a Muslim opponent. Their defeats were always the result of conspiracies, intrigue and betrayal by the Muslims in all battles.” The book, on the whole, gives a deep insight into the history of the Muslim inhabitants of the subcontinent and removes many of the ill-conceived historical facts about this region.
The Indus is Pakistan, and Pakistanis will remain ignorant of their identity till the day they explore the history of their land. This book is a must read for all who want to understand the nature of a Pakistani (the Indus Man), the justification for partition in 1947, and lastly the disastrous political history of the country since independence. I urge all Pakistanis (students in particular), and all Indians to read this book. Ahsan is a lawyer, which makes the breadth of his historical, sociological and cultural research all the more impressive. Read more. 3 people found this helpful.