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# My reflections

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# Urdu Poetry with parallel English Translation

The book is a collection of a little over fifty selected poems and ghazals reflecting personal ethos of the poet and his views on various manifestations in personal and social life. The translation in English makes it possible to share all that with a cross section of people speaking languages other than Urdu and at the same time to encourage all to dig into the treasures Urdu language has been hoarding and hiding for ages. This book is a sort of exhortation to others to break the inertia and come out with whatever presentable they possess. This will be a service to the language and the colourful culture it represents.

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"I like the idea of Urdu poems appearing with their English translations which have been made by the author himself. The Urdu poems are quite good, if somewhat simple but the English translations are generally excellent, certainly better than anything I have seen recently."

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