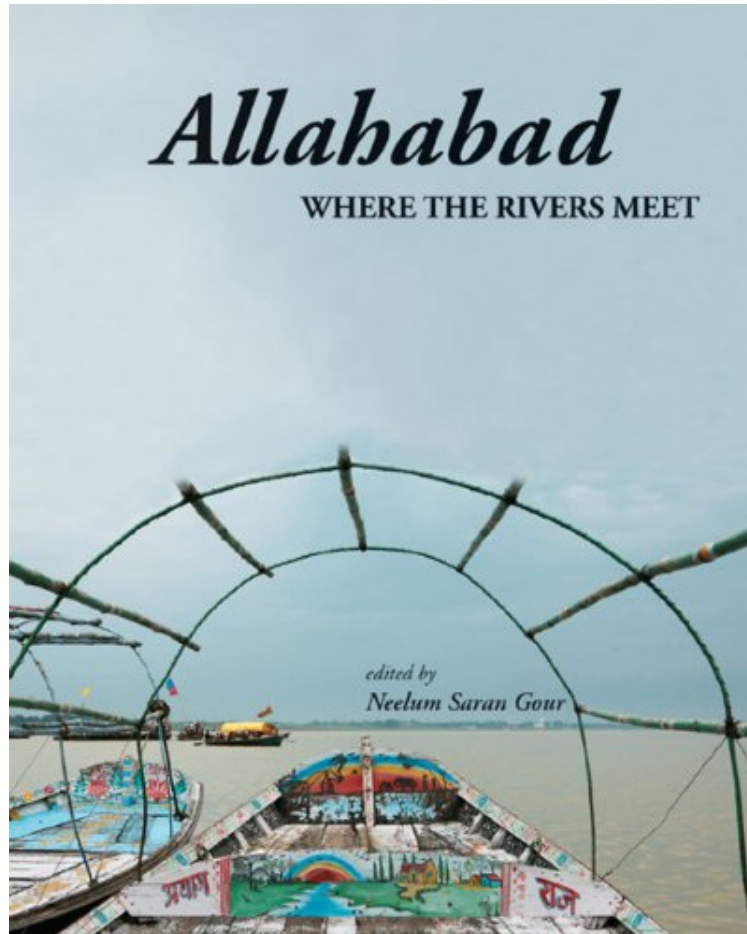


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A must read for former AllahabadiBy Rajiv KaushikI just bought this book from Universal Book Stores on my visit to Allahabad. I gripped the book in my hand and read it for over 12 hours on my flight back into North America. As a former Allahabadi, it brought back memories and nostalgia of Allahabad, the city that I was born in and lived in for 20 years, a city I love and will always revere.A few things that are remarkable about the book:1. Each chapter is written by a different person, each one being a current or former Allahabadi of renown2. Each chapter takes a different lens on Allahabad: history, culture, politics3. The book is full of incredible pictures that transcend me back into AllahabadI will not only use this book for the rest of my life to bring back memories of Allahabad, but also to teach my kids born in the West about their roots.On a personal note,I grew up a son of AU professors who lived on Bank Road (right next to Dr. Firaqs house). I felt and experienced Allahabad during 1970-1990, a period which marked major shifts and transformations in Allahabad (for better or for worse).

Reading the book brings back all the memories of my childhood and youth- PD Tandon (whom I knew and met many times over), AU Campus, Katra, Civil Lines, Sangam, Anand Bhavan, Hari Namkeen Samosas, Palace Theatre, High Court, Ram Dal, Kumbh, Loknath, Coffee House, etc. I also learned so many things about Allahabad that I did not know of- like the fact that its name originated from "Ilahabas", pictures of the Fort that I never saw as it is closed off to the public, about Akbar's Son Salim in Allahabad, Kydgunj Cemetery, Smriti Vahan which I never saw, etc.Hats off to Neelam Saram Gour for this incredible compilation of text and pictures.

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