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*This book is dedicated to more than 60,000 Pakistani civilians and security personnel of diverse faiths, sects and ethnicities who lost their lives at the hands of takfiri jihadist militants.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them*

(Taken from Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen", first published in The Times in September 1914)

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“This is a most timely volume which provides historical depth and nuance to the understanding of Islamic militancy and violence in Pakistan. Such an awareness is often lacking in contemporary analyses. The empirical data provided in a series of incisive and insightful chapters enables an informed account to emerge of the causes and consequences of the growing influence of Deobandi Islam within the country and its transnational linkages. The volume enables the reader to grasp the complex factors which reduce the space for pluralism, despite inherited traditions of tolerance. The book is a must read for everyone seeking to understand contemporary Pakistan and to assess its future trajectory.”

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“This book is a landmark in scholarship on Islam, Pakistan and militancy. It will provide necessary insights into the genesis of violence in the name of religion and sect which scholars, ordinary readers and decision-makers can use to understand why Pakistan’s name is often in the headlines for the wrong reasons.”

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