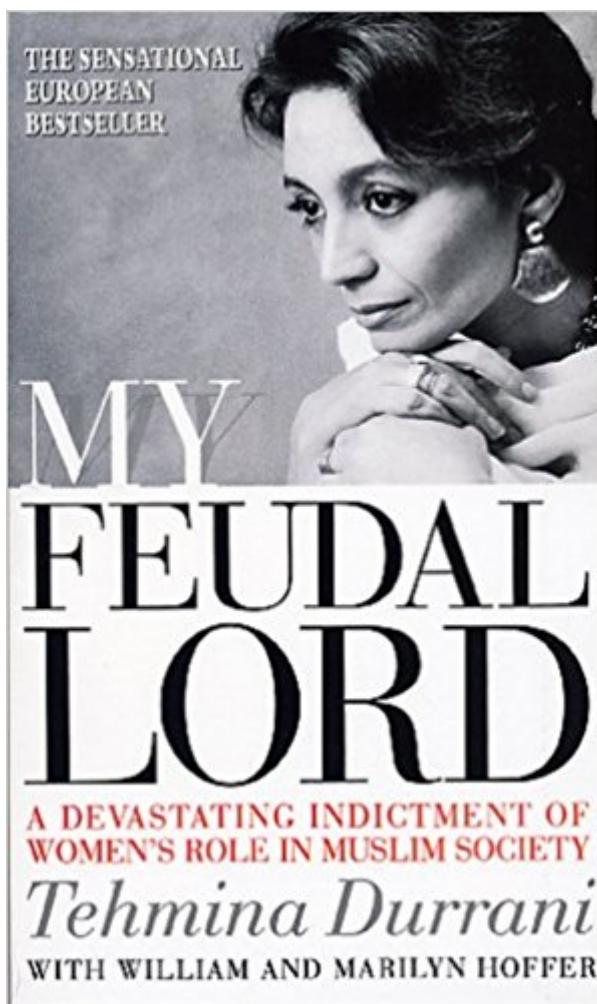


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# My Feudal Lord: A Devastating Indictment Of Women's Role In Muslim Society



## **Synopsis**

When a woman with brains and beauty from a wealthy background decides to take her fate into her own hands and challenge the restrictions of a male-oriented, conservative society, the consequences can be devastating. Born into one of Pakistan's most influential families, Tehmina Durrani was raised in the privileged milieu of Lahore high society, and educated at the same school as Benazir Bhutto. Like all women of her rank, she was expected to marry a prosperous Muslim from a respectable family, bear him many children, and lead a sheltered life of air-conditioned leisure. When she married Mustafa Khar, one of Pakistan's most eminent political figures, she continued to move in the best circles, and learned to keep up the public facade as a glamorous, cultivated wife, and mother of four children. In private, however, the story-book romance of the most talked-about couple in Pakistan rapidly turned sour. Mustafa Khar became violently possessive and pathologically jealous, and succeeded in cutting his wife off from the outside world. For the course of the fourteen-year marriage, she suffered alone, in silence. When Tehmina decided to rebel, the price she paid was extremely high: as a Muslim woman seeking a divorce, she signed away all financial support, lost the custody of her four children, and found herself alienated from her friends and disowned by her parents. Following the divorce, she felt she had to tell her story. When Pakistan publishers balked at the controversial nature of her manuscript, she published it herself. The book was a bombshell and shook Pakistani society to its foundations. Her at last was someone who had succeeded in reconciling her faith in Islam with her ardent belief in women's rights. Tehmina's story, adapted now for western readers, provides extraordinary insights into the vulnerable position of women caught in the complex web of Muslim society.

## **Book Information**

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"An extraordinary story" The Sunday Times "Riveting...one of the many remarkable qualities of Durrani's story is her total frankness...she emerges as a woman to be admired" The Age, Melbourne

A member of one of Pakistani's most influential families, Tehmina Durrani decided to write this book about the way women are treated in Pakistan after leaving her husband Mustafa Khar. In the writing of My Feudal Lord, Tehmina Durrani worked with William Hoffer, author of Midnight Express and co-author of Betty Mahmood's Not Without My Daughter.

I liked the way authors have explained and described the tyranny and the brutality of a man, who is a strong politician. And, on the other hand, there is a woman, due to her insecurities from her family, falls for someone who is just not meant to be with her. Since it's a true life story, so I would like to congratulate Tehmina Durrani for the courage she gathered, and wrote against Mustafa Khar. Hats off.

Oh, MY God! Read it folks...

This isn't a 'Hate It- Love It' story. It is real life and a story that many more need to learn about. Based on real life.

Great read. Good to hear these stories first hand. Highly recommend it.

This book was the first recommended to me by a male friend in Pakistan when I visited there last year. Although not a new bestseller, it provides context for understanding Pakistan. Beware--it is not upbeat, but I found it thoroughly enlightening and helpful.

I received my book and the condition was okay... not great but okay. I am still reading this book and so far it's slow but interesting!

Great book! I can hardly put it down. The author really does a wonderful job of stirring your emotions

for what she is going through.

SINCE BEING PART OF THE SOCIETY I KNOW THE BOOK IS BASED ON THE FACTS. THERE ARE SOME PARTS SEEMS OVERDONE, BUT NOT REALLY. THE AUTHER HAS DONE A VERY REMARKABLE AND DAREING JOB. YOU NEED GUTTS TO WRITE THAT REALITY WHILE LIVING IN THE SAME SETUP. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND EVERYBODY TO READ THE PUBLICATION.

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