



Behind Mud Walls 1930-1960 with a Sequel: The Village in 1970 and a New Chapter By Susan S. Wadley: The Village in 1984

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Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India, 1994. Hard Cover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Indian Edition. Behind Mud Walls is a humane, dispassionate study of North Indian village life. More than a generation ago, William and Charlotte Wiser came to India as American missionaries and during their stay made a significant contribution to anthropology by writing one of the first Indian village studies. This revised edition contains not only their classic 1930 study and Mrs. Wiser's appraisals of continuity and change in the village life of Karimpur during the 1960s and 1970s, but also a new chapter by Susan Wadley that sketches the social and economic changes she found in Karimpur in 1984. While the 1980s have ushered in new economic opportunities that have allowed the poor to begin to rid themselves of the domination of Brahman landlords, the situation for women has worsened as modernization has deprived them of job opportunities and fertility has increased. Professor Wadley also provides a brief preface, comparative statistics, and a bibliography listing the unpublished writings on Karimpur by the Wisers, Dr. Bruce Derr, and herself. In his Foreword of 1963, Professor Mandelbaum noted that in 1930 the villagers...



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