

# Lost Decency

## The Untold Afghan Story

By Atta Arghandiwal

Every refugee's story deserves to be heard, but many memoirs written by exiles represent the country's more privileged classes with money and means. In *Lost Decency*, Atta Arghandiwal shares the Afghan people's untold story, embodied in his turbulent journey to escape their war-torn country. *Lost Decency* is a best-selling memoir and an IBPA Ben Franklin Award Silver Medalist.

### Biography:

Atta Arghandiwal was born in Afghanistan but left shortly after the Soviet invasion and became a refugee in Germany. Two weeks after his arrival in the United States, he started work as a bank teller, and built a successful twenty-eight year career, eventually being promoted to senior vice president. He lives in Northern California with his wife and two children.

### Testimonials:

*"It... gives us a glimpse, beyond the drum rolls and the waving flags, of an industrious and creative people brought low by warlords and drug mafias - the tragic legacy of empire."*

**Jan Knippers Black, Professor, Monterey Institute of International Studies, and author of 'The Politics of Human Rights Protection'**

*"This is a worthwhile book that I highly recommend."*

**Dr. Martin C. Needler, former Dean of the School of International Studies, University of the Pacific**

*"This story touched me in that it made me sad, made me laugh, and confirmed for me how very much alike people of different cultures are. The author's experiences and courage to have a better life for himself and his family are inspirational. I feel more knowledgeable and empathetic with Afghani people whose lives were shattered from the corruption and greed of a few leaders."*

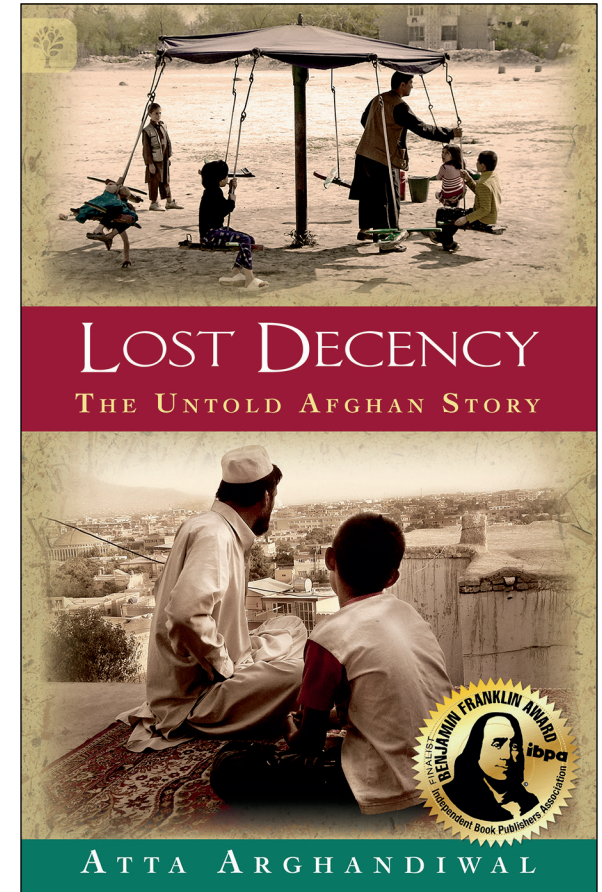
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