

## COMMENTS:

**Excerpts from some recipients of the book across the globe, cross-section of the society, all with different perspectives – family, friends, scholars, academicians, social scientists, librarians, the young, the elderly, Parsis, the non-Parsis – some on a serious note, some personal, and, some even amusing.**

***“I am so overwhelmed and touched with each one’s expression of love. My heartfelt thanks to all for your beautiful, warm words of appreciation. Wishing everyone much love, peace, joy, happiness and the VERY BEST IN LIFE today and always!” Thank You my dear Yazdi for wider dissemination. CASHMERA PERCY BHAYA.***

1. Many, many hearty congratulations to our dear Cashu (Cashmera) for the publication of this book, which has been her long-cherished dream and a true labour of love. What an amazing achievement Cashu and more power to you! As we all know, Percy and Cashu have long been stalwarts of the small Parsi community in Oman and have always silently helped in every cause and been there for so many. Most of all, they are so inspiring with their true devotion and practice of our good thoughts, good words and good deeds. May Ahura Mazda bless them and us all with the same wisdom and strength!! **Jasmine Shapoor Nargolwala, long-time resident of Muscat and family friend.**
2. Thanks for your beautiful and very scholarly book. It’s very well organised and most informative. Thank you so much for bringing it over in the pouring rain! It’s a wonderful book and congratulations Cashmera on accomplishing this research which will help the community immensely. All my best wishes. **Dr. Rati Nadir Godrej, Advisor to Global Council of Zoroastrians Trust, Mumbai.**
3. To self-publish such a valuable book for the community is something all will be proud. **Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej, Founder and Partner of Cymbroza Art Gallery, Mumbai.**

4. Firstly, thanks once again for your book. Your book will be a constant source of reference for us, especially whilst dealing with the several establishments we manage in Gujarat. I commend you for your efforts and wish you all success in your future ventures.  
**Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Chairman, Sir J. J. Charity Fund, Mumbai.**
5. I have been browsing through the various tables which has left me with much food for thought. It is going to take some time to go through the data and arrive at a considered decision on how to move forward.  
**Dinshaw K. Tamboly, Chairman, WZOT, Mumbai.**
6. Congratulations on a wonderful work – a lifetime achievement indeed. It's going to be very useful for researchers and sociologists.  
**Dr. Shernaz Cama, Director, PARZOR, Delhi.**
7. I just received your book, Cashmira and I am so very happy to see what a wonderful publication it is. You have done a tremendous service to the community. This study will prove to be the definitive sociological work on the Parsis in recent times, just as Delphine Menant's work was in the last century. I'm so honoured to be associated with this beautiful publication. Congratulations once again.  
**Rukshana Nanji, Field Archaeologist and Ceramic Specialist, Pune.**
8. Cashmera I am enjoying your book very much. I'm in awe of the amount of research. And I really appreciate that you have made it so easy to read.  
**Nawaz Merchant, Vice President of ZAGNY, New Jersey.**
9. I thank you very much for your generous gift of a copy of your important book. I'm reading it with great interest and pleasure.  
**Professor Miguel Angel Andres-Toledo, FEZANA Professor, University of Toronto.**
10. Hi Cashoo. While reading Yr book I just happened to see Yr lovely snap in a beautiful red Gara...wow. Then I also read about u, and I must say I am really impressed. I had absolutely no idea about all the great work that you have done. And also, all the scholarships

that you have set up. Great. **Farida Maneck Modi, friend, Vadodara.**

11. Many thanks for gifting us your book which I thoroughly enjoyed reading. It takes a lot of commitment and dedication to bring to fruition such a mammoth project. **Minoo Saher, friend, Board Advisor, Muscat.**
12. Thanks for your book. I have already started your book. I went through the book. Very informative. **Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Principal, Dadar Athornan Institute, Mumbai.**
13. I am immensely happy. It is a great academic achievement for my CASHMIRA. I just scanned through the pages from 12 midnight to 3am. **Professor Bharati S. Desai, Former Head, Department of Sociology, MSU, Vadodara.**
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25. I am extremely happy to receive a copy of the book. I wish you all the best for the future. **Mohammad Reza Fazel, Director, Culture House of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mumbai.**
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27. Thank U once again for the book! You have really poured in your heart and soul compiling the literature. **Dilnaz Besania, Member of Zoroastrian Women's Assembly of Surat, Surat.**
28. Thank you very much for sending me your Book. **Vada Dasturji Keki Ravji Meherji Rana, High Priest of Bhagarseth Anjuman Atash Behram of Navsari, Mumbai.**
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30. So nice of you to send copies of your book. Is this the study on the basis of which WZO organised their program to help the poor Parsis in Gujarat? **Ava Khullar, President, Delhi Parsi Anjuman, Delhi.**
31. Thank you very much once again. And wishing you and your book lots of success. **Viraf Mehta, Chairman, Bombay Parsi Panchayat, Mumbai.**
32. I managed to open the excellent packing and glanced through. It is very exhaustive...Great Job? Well done. **Dr. Dolly Dastoor, Editor, FEZANA Journal, Montreal.**
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35. Rohinton and I just opened the package – and saw this amazing work of yours. ...**Roshan and Rohinton Rivetna, Founding Editor of FEZANA Journal, Illinois.**
36. Thank you for your research and for compiling this valuable resource, which I am truly looking forward to learning from. **Karishma Kavita Koka, Neuroscientist, Co-Founder of the Ultimate Achievements Academy, London.**
37. Thank you very much. Seems very impressive indeed. Will go through it at leisure. Very best wishes. **Neville Shroff, President, Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, Hong Kong.**
38. Thanks for remembering us and sending a copy. The cover looks lovely but have not got the time to go through the contents. Will check asap and absorb the contents. **Meher Kersi Bhesania, Global Director, World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce, Dubai.**
39. Thanks for considering me. It would be a pleasure and honour to receive the book and a greater pleasure to read it. **Maharukh Zubin Chichgar, Founder of the Zoroastrian Women's Assembly of Surat.**
40. Here is a very belated note to thank you, once more, for giving me a copy of your book. Many congratulations on its publication! I've taken a very quick look through – and have noted the letter you have given me with page nos. – and I'll look forward to reading at greater leisure. **Dr. Dinyar Patel, Assistant Professor of History at the S. P. Jain Institute of Management, Mumbai.**

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42. Omg I just saw wow the book...congrats...this is so good...proud of you dear. **Freny Firoze Irani, friend, long-standing resident of Muscat.**
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52. Fantastic Cash. Super great job, amazing going. Congratulations. **Rohinton Murzban Bharucha, brother, Mumbai.**
53. Fuiji, ...Congratulations on the completion of the book. **Fravak Rohinton Bharucha, nephew, Mumbai.**
54. Congratulations sis. Good job. **Binaifer Kerman Parabia, sister, Perth.**

55. Masi, I received your book. Thank you so much for sending it, it's so beautiful and I am very inspired by you! I can't wait to read it! Also, it took me like 10 minutes to open the package because it was packed so carefully, there was a lot of suspense build up. I read the milk and sugar bit as well, it's so cool to read about the debate on the date and all that, I had no idea. **Anaita Kerman Parabia, niece, Melbourne.**
56. Hi masi, I received my book thank you so much! I will treasure it and try to attempt to give it a read. **Hoofrita Kerman Parabia, niece, Perth.**
57. Thank you masi. We both feel so privileged and honoured that you gifted this to us. Such hard work, dedication, persistence and passion. **Zeelnaz and Prashant Jaiswal, niece, Perth.**
58. Masi, I got the book. Thank you so much and I look forward to reading it. **Dilkash Kerman Parabia, niece, Perth.**
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60. Thanks so much for the book kaki. Thanks for all ur efforts. **Sanober Malcolm Bhaya, niece, Mumbai.**
61. Kaki, we received the parcel yesterday. The book looks lovely. Thank you so much. **Sanjeevani Roozbeh Bhaya, niece, Abu Dhabi.**
62. Congratulations! I know the book is the fruit of a lot of sincere hard work. Thank You very much for sending me a copy. Will be a pleasure to read it. **Dinaz Eruch Patel, paternal aunt, Mumbai.**
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66. Hi Cash. Got the box... It was really beautifully wrapped thank you so much for sending it. I can't wait to read it. I'm gonna read the whole thing. It might take me a while and I'm gonna read it! I didn't notice a letter so I am glad you told me about that. Thank you! I read page 30 and it was very beautiful and thoughtful of you. **Cyrus Viraf Bharucha, cousin, Washington D.C.**
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68. Thank you so much, it's really beautiful, congratulations. **Viraf Patel, cousin, California.**
69. I am overwhelmed to see our names in your book. **Meenaze Jimmy Patalwala, cousin, Surat.**
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72. The book is lovely you sent for me. **Dinaz Rony Pithawala, friend, Mumbai.**
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76. Thanking you for the copy of your book. It looks exquisite. I will certainly enjoy reading it. **Khurshed Buhariwalla, friend, Mumbai.**
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79. My Congratulations to you Dr. Cashmera for your Lovely Work. It's a great achievement. **Bomi Mistry, friend, Pune.**
80. Cashmira upon receiving your book I was so excited on reading it. You have so painstakingly written the facts on our religion and on the rural Parsis in South Gujarat. You have done a wonderful job writing this book. **Finny Zarir Bhatena, friend, Pune.**
81. Just flipped thru the book. Will read slowly. Display is awesome – u have gone thru great length...will actually read in a relaxed frame of mind. **Shirin Jal Irani, friend, Pune.**
82. Kudos to Cash & family for the wonderful book. It will be long cherished by us. **Jal Irani, friend, Pune.**
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88. Congratulations on the new book and would love to read the same. **Nevil Bilimoria, friend, Muscat.**
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