

Book Review

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A more suitable editor for the present volume could not have been selected. Javed Jabbar, a former Federal Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and later, for Science and Technology, has been, "a household name" in media, information and advertising fields. In the last one, he has done more than anyone else to make it creative, dynamic,

