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Harold Bergsma, son of medical missionaries, grew up in Northern India in Taxila and Sialkot, an area which is today in Pakistan. He speaks Urdu. He had his primary education in Woodstock International School in Mussoorie and lived as a boarding student at the school. He returned to India and took part in an ornithological expedition to Nepal for the Chicago Field Museum and National Geographic Society. Then he returned to finish his senior year in India at Woodstock. He returned again as a resident adult to Lahore, Pakistan and did educational development work with two different ministries. He traveled widely in Pakistan for his work and for recreation. These travels took him from Karachi to Swat, from Peshawar to Quetta, from the Sindh to Azad Kashmir. A collection of folk stories in Nigeria, *Tales Tiv Tell*, was published by Oxford University Press and is in its fourth reprint. His published memoir is called *Rhododendron Wine Factory*. His first fictional work, *Lalla and Lavina, Stories about Indian Women*, was published by the author in 2005. His multicultural trilogy, novels about three women in Pakistan who were abducted and made sex slaves has been published; (See Amazon) *One Way to Pakistan* and *An Oath of Vengeance*. The third novel *The Opium Eaters* was completed in 2009. He has published widely in professional journals and has been a frequent contributor to *Desicritics*. <http://www.haroldbergsma.com/> Bergsma, now lives with his wife Lily Chu, also a writer, in downtown San Diego near the bay. He and his wife travel internationally both for recreational and information gathering purposes. Harold has been singing most of his life as a soloist, oratorio and choir member.

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