

In North Korea An American Travels Through An Imprisoned Nation



In North Korea-Xing Hang 2010-07-27 This is an account of an American woman's recent travels through North Korea. Throughout her journey, she continually witnessed rundown villages, starving children with hollow eyes, haggard women crawling in the fields for single grains of rice and civilians unloading food aid at the point of bayonets. The author predicts that North Korea's economic reform, which has just started, will progress slowly, but that the country will one day be open to the outside world. It may, however, take another twenty years for this reform to be complete. Small, reluctant changes have already happened though, and this book expresses optimism that one day the North Korean people will end their isolation and join the world's mainstream.

Without You, There is No Us-Suki Kim 2015 The award-winning author of The Interpreter traces her experiences as an English teacher to the sons of North Korea's elite during the last six months of Kim Jong Il's reign, an effort complicated by oppressive regime enforcers, propaganda and evangelical missionaries. 40,000 first printing.

North Korea - US Relations-Ramon Pacheco Pardo 2019-09-24 How has North Korea sought to normalize diplomatic relations with the US? Explaining the continuities between the Kim Jong-un and Kim Jong-il governments, as well as the discontinuities, especially the decisive move towards brinkmanship under Kim Jong-un culminating in 2017, this book shows how North Korea has constantly learnt from its own experience and the experience of others to evolve and adapt its policy towards the US. This fully revised and expanded second edition draws on interviews and conversations with American, North and South Korean, Chinese and other countries' policy-makers and experts and North Korean official media stories. It has been updated to include discussion of the post-2012 period when Kim Jong-un replaced his father to become the leader of North Korea, and provides detailed analysis of both presidencies, concluding with a study of the two bilateral summits held with President Donald Trump. Showing how weaker powers can try to achieve their main foreign policy goals with respect to great powers, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of the international relations of East Asia, US Foreign Policy, Korean Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis. It should also prove relevant to those studying international bargaining and negotiation.

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The Korean Conundrum-Ted Galen Carpenter 2015-03-31 The US seems to be heading directly toward a confrontation with North Korea as Koreans in the south, and nations around the world, anxiously witness mounting tension. Carpenter and Bandow take a look at the twin crises now afflicting US policy in East Asia: the reemergence of North Korea's nuclear weapons program and the growing anti-American sentiment in South Korea. They question whether Washington's East Asia security strategy makes sense with the looming prospect of US troops stationed in South Korea becoming nuclear hostages. Carpenter and Bandow put forth the most provocative solution yet to this gnarled and dangerous situation.

North Korea-Tim Beal 2005-08-20 This book demystifies North Korea by looking beyond the 'axis of evil' label.

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American Trophies-Mark Sauter 2013-07-18 The story of American heroes kept by our country's enemies and Washington's failure to recover them reads like a cross between "The Manchurian Candidate" and "Foreign Affairs." It uncovers decades of secrets and incompetence, right up to the Obama Administration, and reveals how Moscow, Beijing, and Pyongyang continue to thwart America today. Filled with previously secret documents and photos. Based on years of research around the world by an investigative historian and former Special Forces officer teamed with the POW/MIA expert son of a missing Korean War flyer, it is by turns both enthralling and upsetting. This book rips the lid off the one of the most disturbing scandals in modern US history. As you read the book, join our community to help with investigations the Pentagon and CIA can't -- or won't -- do themselves. Decipher names on declassified documents, track down Chinese and Russian officials and identify POWs in captured enemy film: cynicalattitude.com A "fascinating, disturbing and important book...America has to read it: " Sydney Schanberg, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and inspiration for the Academy Award-winning film "The Killing Fields." Wall Street Journal: "Independent researcher Mark Sauter and John Zimmerlee, the son of a missing-in-action U.S. Air Force serviceman, argue in a new e-book, that U.S. incompetence, combined with a desire to downplay the issue amid on-again-off-again negotiations with North Korea, have trumped the military's 'no man left behind' imperative. The two men also say that there is some evidence that American soldiers may still be alive in North Korea today..." Associated Press: "Mark Sauter, a private researcher and co-author with John Zimmerlee of 'American Trophies and Washington's Cynical Attitude, ' an e-book about POWs to be published this month, found in government archives a U.S. intelligence report from August 1955, two years after the war, calling for a bigger intelligence effort to learn about such POW transfers." Drudge Report: "Book: USA left POWs behind in NKorea, China, Russia..." The Washington Free Beacon: "The book, American Trophies: How American POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China, and Russia by Washington's 'Cynical Attitude, ' includes numerous cases of missing Americans from the Korean War, along with several from the Cold War and Vietnam War. It is based on years of research, interviews, and documents by the authors, Sauter and John Zimmerlee. Declassified intelligence reports obtained by the authors reveal that Americans were being held captive in China, North Korea, and the Soviet Union at least through the 1990s." Includes information on Korean War POWs in North Korean, Chinese and Soviet prisons; Vietnam War POWs reportedly taken to North Korea; Chinese espionage; North Korean/DPRK "salting" of American remains; KGB exploitation of US POWs; North Korea human rights/DPRK human rights; communist torture and brainwashing; Cold War history; covert action (requested by the Air Force Chief of Staff to rescue American POWs the year after the war ended); Korean War special operations; Cold War spy flights; Korean War history; Truman Administration; F-86; US-China conflicts; Soviet prison system, the Gulag; World War II prisoners of war, including German and Japanese POWs who reported Americans in Siberia; North Korean prison camps; North Korean military and government; Freedom of Information Act; North Korean agents; escapes; espionage; real-life adventures; B-29; new information on the Eisenhower Administration; F-51; Obama Administration mismanagement; National Archives; declassification and secrecy; the Punch Bowl; JPAC; 2nd ID; DPMO; Pentagon secrets; CIA operations; military intelligence collection; Korean DMZ; North Korean abductions; Stalin; Chou En-lai; US defectors; surveillance flights; and untold US diplomatic history.

Under the Same Sky-Joseph Kim 2015-06-02 A man who escaped the devastating famine in North Korea, despite being abandoned as a boy, tells the story of his survival inside the oppressive country, his escape and subsequent rescue by activists and Christian missionaries and his success in the United States thanks to a newfound faith and courage. 50,000 first printing.

Not Forgotten-Kenneth Bae 2016-05-03 For the first time since his two-year imprisonment in North Korea, Kenneth Bae recounts his dramatic ordeal in vivid detail. While leading a tour group into the most shrouded country on the planet, Bae is stopped by officials who immediately confiscate his belongings. With his computer hard drive in hand the officers begin their interrogation and Bae begins his unexpected decent into North Korean obscurity. Bae's family and friends make immediate appeals to the United States government asking for his release. With his family waiting patiently for any news of Kenneth's well-being, Bae is forced to rely solely on his faith for his survival. At his lowest point, Bae is confronted with the reality that he may not make it out alive. Not Forgotten is a riveting true story of one man's fight for survival against impossible odds.

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See You Again in Pyongyang-Travis Jeppesen 2018-05-29 A "close-up look at the cloistered country" (USA Today), See You Again in Pyongyang is American writer Travis Jeppesen's "probing" and "artful" (New York Times Book Review) chronicle of his travels in North Korea--an eye-opening portrait that goes behind the headlines about Trump and Kim, revealing North Koreans "entrepreneurial spirit, and hidden love of foreign media, as well as their dreams and fears" (Los Angeles Times). In See You Again in Pyongyang, Travis Jeppesen culls from his experiences traveling and studying in North Korea to create a multifaceted portrait of the country and its idiosyncratic capital city. Jeppesen challenges the notion that Pyongyang is merely a "showcase capital" where everything is staged for the benefit of foreigners, as well as the idea that Pyongyangites are brainwashed robots. Jeppesen introduces readers to an array of fascinating North Koreans, from government ministers with a side hustle in black market Western products to young people enamored with American pop culture. Revealing a complex society, rife with contradictions, See You Again in Pyongyang is an essential addition to the literature about one of the world's most fascinating places. Structural Reform in Japan-Eisuke Sakakibara 2003-12-22 In this unusually candid book, Japan's former top financial diplomat asserts the urgent need for wholesale structural reform to revitalize the long-stagnant Japanese economy. Eisuke Sakakibara, whose influence over global currency markets earned him the nickname of "Mr. Yen," envisions a social and economic revolution that encompasses all sectors of Japanese society. Whereas previous analyses of Japanese policies of the past decade focus narrowly on such issues as nonperforming assets and deregulation, Sakakibara provides a new perspective. Japan's economic problems are structural, rather than cyclical, according to Sakakibara. Profitable investment opportunities are hard to find in the dysfunctional corporate sector, where costs are high and income continues to decline. The country's entrenched power elite--the Liberal Democratic Party, the bureaucracy, and vested interest groups--are threatened by reform efforts. It will be difficult to restore economic health to Japan until its political leaders are able to break the grip of this "iron triangle" and implement aggressive, widespread reforms. This book furthers the understanding that structural reform or new institution building in Japan needs an all-encompassing approach that includes the various sectors of Japanese society and the economy. Only with this kind of understanding can pragmatic and meaningful structural reform in Japan be implemented.

Project Eagle-Robert S. Kim 2017-05 Robert S. Kim contributes to a fuller understanding of Asia in World War II by revealing the role of American Christian missionary families in the development of the Korean independence movement and the creation of Project Eagle, the forgotten alliance between that movement and the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), called Project Eagle. Project Eagle tells the story of American missionaries in Korea from 1884 to 1942. They brought a new religion, modern education, and American political ideals to a nation conquered and ruled by the Japanese Empire. The missionaries' influence inextricably linked Christianity and American-style democracy to Korean nationalism and independence, meanwhile establishing an especially strong presence in Pyongyang. Project Eagle connects this era for the first time to OSS-Korean cooperation during the war through the story of its central figures: American

missionary sons George McCune and Clarence Weems and one of Korea's leading national heroes, Kim Ku. Project Eagle illuminates the shared history between Americans and Koreans that has remained largely unexamined since World War II. The legacy of these American actions in Korea, ignored by the U.S. government and the academy since 1945, has shaped the relationship of the United States to both North Korea and South Korea and remains crucial to understanding the future of U.S. relations with both Koreas.

Nation Building in South Korea-Gregg A. Brazinsky 2009-11-20 In this ambitious and innovative study Gregg Brazinsky examines American nation building in South Korea during the Cold War. Marshaling a vast array of new American and Korean sources, he explains why South Korea was one of the few postcolonial nations that achieved rapid economic development and democratization by the end of the twentieth century. Brazinsky contends that a distinctive combination of American initiatives and Korean agency enabled South Korea's stunning transformation. On one hand, Americans supported the emergence of a developmental autocracy that spurred economic growth in a highly authoritarian manner. On the other hand, Americans sought to encourage democratization from the bottom up by fashioning new institutions and promoting a dialogue about modernization and development. Expanding the framework of traditional diplomatic history, Brazinsky examines not only state-to-state relations, but also the social and cultural interactions between Americans and South Koreans. He shows how Koreans adapted, resisted, and transformed American influence and promoted socioeconomic change that suited their own aspirations. Ultimately, Brazinsky argues, Koreans' capacity to tailor American institutions and ideas to their own purposes was the most important factor in the making of a democratic South Korea.

A Sharper Choice on North Korea-Mike Mullen 2016-09-01

North Korean Memoirs-Mark Treston 2004-12-22 Journey into the life of a renegade American who decided to defect to the most reclusive and oppressive nation in modern history: North Korea. An American idealist defects to North Korea in the 1970's only to discover the true horrors of this Stalinist state. What happens next would shock even those familiar with authoritarian regimes. The author, an American Foreign Service worker in china, meets a man by the name of "David". David entrusts the author with his diary and makes the author promise him that the diary will be shown to the world as "evidence of what North Korea is really like". Following this encounter, the author never sees David again. The author discovers that within the pages of this diary lies an incredible story of defection, survival, and an eventual escape by the man he knows only as "David". After staying up and reading the entire diary, the author is convinced that David's story must be told to the world. The diary details David's life from his fairly comfortable upbringing, through his rebellious youth, and into his extraordinary decision to defect to North Korea. At first, David enjoys an elevated status in North Korea as a "hero" and a "patriot" of the socialist cause. During two decades as an English professor at the most prestigious North Korean University, David experiences love, seduction, betrayal, and violence.

North Korea-Patrick McEachern 2019-03-05 After a year of trading colorful barbs with the American president and significant achievements in North Korea's decades-long nuclear and missile development programs, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un declared mission accomplished in November 2017. Though Kim's pronouncement appears premature, North Korea is on the verge of being able to strike the United States with nuclear weapons. South Korea has long been in the North Korean crosshairs but worries whether the United States would defend it if North Korea holds the American homeland at risk. The largely ceremonial summit between US president Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un, and the unpredictability of both parties, has not quelled these concerns and leaves more questions than answers for the two sides' negotiators to work out. The Korean Peninsula's security situation is an intractable conflict, raising the question, "How did we get here?" In this book, former North Korea lead foreign service officer at the US embassy in Seoul Patrick McEachern unpacks the contentious and tangled relationship between the Koreans in an approachable question-and-answer format. While North Korea is famous for its militarism and nuclear program, South Korea is best known for its economic miracle, familiar to consumers as the producer of Samsung smartphones, Hyundai cars, and even K-pop music and K-beauty. Why have the two Koreas developed politically and economically in such radically different ways? What are the origins of a divided Korean Peninsula? Who rules the two Koreas? How have three generations of the authoritarian Kim dictatorship shaped North Korea? What is the history of North-South relations? Why does the North Korean government develop nuclear weapons? How do powers such as Japan, China, and Russia fit into the mix? What is it like to live in North and South Korea? This book tackles these broad topics and many more to explain what everyone needs to know about South and North Korea.

Trump and His Generals-Peter Bergen 2019-12-10 From one of America's preeminent national security journalists, an explosive, news-breaking account of Donald Trump's collision with the American national security establishment, and with the world It is a simple fact that no president in American history brought less foreign policy experience to the White House than Donald J. Trump. The real estate developer from Queens promised to bring his brash, zero-sum swagger to bear to cut through America's most complex national security issues, and he did. If the cost of his "America First" agenda was bulldozing the edifice of foreign alliances that had been carefully tended by every president from Truman to Obama, then so be it. It was clear from the first that Trump's inclinations were radically more blunt force than his predecessors'. When briefed by the Pentagon on Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, he exclaimed, "The next time Iran sends its boats into the Strait: blow them out of the water! Let's get Mad Dog on this." When told that the capital of South Korea, Seoul, was so close to the North Korean border that millions of people would likely die in the first hours of any all-out war, Trump had a bold response, "They have to move." The officials in the Oval Office weren't sure if he was joking. He raised his voice. "They have to move!" Very quickly, it became clear to a number of people at the highest levels of government that their gravest mission was to protect America from Donald Trump. Trump and His Generals is Peter Bergen's riveting account of what happened when the unstoppable force of President Trump met the immovable object of America's national security establishment--the CIA, the State Department, and, above all, the Pentagon. If there is a real "deep state" in DC, it is not the FBI so much as the national security community, with its deep-rooted culture and hierarchy. The men Trump selected for his key national security positions, Jim Mattis, John Kelly, and H. R. McMaster, were products of that culture: Trump wanted generals, and he got them. Three years later, they would be gone, and the guardrails were off. From Iraq and Afghanistan to Syria and Iran, from Russia and China to North Korea and Islamist terrorism, Trump and His Generals is a brilliant reckoning with an American ship of state navigating a roiling sea of threats without a well-functioning rudder. Lucid and gripping, it brings urgently needed clarity to issues that affect the fate of us all. But clarity, unfortunately, is not the same thing as reassurance.

The Cleanest Race-B.R. Myers 2011-12-20 "Provocative ... A fascinating analysis." —Dwight Garner, The New York Times The first full-length study of the North Korean worldview to draw on extensive research into the regime's domestic propaganda, including films, romance novels and other artifacts of the Kim dynasty personality cult ... What do the North Koreans really believe? How do they see themselves and the world around them? From Kim Il-sung to Kim Jong-il to current leader Kim Jong-un, it's been hard to define a consistent ideology amongst North Korea's Supreme Leaders. But you can reach a more profound understanding of North Korea through its propaganda, says renown North Korea analyst, and Atlantic contributing editor B.R. Myers. Myers analyzes each of the country's official myths in turn, from the notion of Koreans' unique moral purity, to the myth of an America quaking in terror of "the Iron General." In a concise but groundbreaking historical section, Myers also traces the origins of this official culture back to the Japanese fascist thought in which North Korea's first ideologues were schooled. What emerges is a regime completely unlike the West's perception of it. This is neither a bastion of Stalinism nor a Confucian patriarchy, but a paranoid, nationalist, "military-first" state on the far right of the ideological spectrum. Since support for the North Koriean regime now derives almost exclusively from pride in North Korean military might, Myers argues that Pyongyang can neither be cajoled nor bullied into giving up its nuclear program. The implications for Western foreign policy — which has hiterhto treated North Korea as the last outpost of the Cold War — are as obvious as they are troubling.

Becoming Kim Jong Un-Jung H. Pak 2021-04-06 When Kim Jong Un became the leader of North Korea following his father's death in 2011, predictions about his imminent fall were rife. North Korea was isolated, poor, unable to feed its people, and clinging to its nuclear program for legitimacy. But he has solidified his grip on his country and brought the U.S. and the region to the brink of war. Pak, a former CIA analyst, provides a groundbreaking account of the rise of North Korea's dictator from his nuclear ambitions to his summits with President Donald J. Trump. She argues that Kim's personality, perceptions, and preferences are underestimated by Washington policy wonks who assume he sees the world as they do. -- adapted from jacket

Three Days in the Hermit Kingdom-Eddie Burdick 2014-01-10 To most of the world, North Korea remains a secretive and mysterious nation, one that has tightly controlled the outflow of information in order to groom its public image. This book chronicles a rare, regime-sanctioned excursion by a North American into the heart of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. What is revealed is often what's expected, such as the adoration of leaders, excursions to national monuments, and exposure to propaganda relating to self-sufficiency. But as a Korean speaker, the author gathered a lot more information than the scripted English narration provided by his Korean guides. Behind the propaganda of the Communist regime, the authentic, eye-opening North Korea is revealed.

America's Commitment to South Korea-Joo-Hong Nam 1986-03-27 The book analyses the strategic rationale of the American security commitment to South Korea in the light of the palpable failure of containment strategy in Indo-China. During the 1970s the dilemma confronting successive American administrations was that, whilst wishing to maintain their old commitment to South Korea, they had no desire to preside over another Vietnam. Military commitment and political support were necessarily disengaged, and the Nixon doctrine served as both the end and the means of containment strategy in Asia. The study identifies the principal conditions that have influenced changing American perspectives on South Korea, and examines some of the general problems of collective security in the region. Unique in the direct engagement of China, the Soviet Union and the United States, the security position of South Korea bears directly upon the achievement of peace and stability throughout East Asia.

Eye on Korea-James V. Young 2003 "Colonel James V. Young, one of the American military's first area specialists, spent almost twenty years in Asia, including fourteen in Korea. In this memoir, he writes with the expertise of an old Korea hand about a period that saw South Korea make the transition from an agrarian economy to a modern industrial state." "Young volunteered in 1969 for a new program aimed at creating area specialists within the military. In 1975, after four years of training in Korean language and culture, he witnessed how American diplomats convinced Park Chung-Hee, the South Korean president, not to develop his own nuclear weapons." "Later, from the perspective of a military attache, Young saw the mistrust that characterized U.S.-Korean relations during the 1970s. He provides new insights into the intrigue and behind-the-scenes efforts to derail President Jimmy Carter's troop withdrawal policies, and he argues that the United States was caught flat-footed by such crucial episodes as the coup of 1979 and the arrest of Gen. Chung Sung Hwa in what became known as the 12/12 Incident. He provides on-the-scene observations of the imposition of martial law and the Kwangju incident that followed, when security forces ran amok during protests in the city and killed and wounded hundreds of civilians. Further, his insider account of dealing with North Korean senior leaders in both diplomatic negotiations and business settings makes a unique contribution to understanding the internal dynamics within this secretive state." "Young's memoir straddles the line between military and diplomatic history. Those interested in the region, the issues, and military life off the battlefield will value this book."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

The World Is Bigger Now-Euna Lee 2010-09-28 For the first time, Euna Lee—the young wife, mother, and film editor detained in North Korea—tells a harrowing, but ultimately inspiring, story of survival and faith in one of the most isolated parts of the world. On March 17, 2009, Lee and her Current TV colleague Laura Ling were working on a documentary about the desperate lives of North Koreans fleeing their homeland for a chance at freedom when they were violently apprehended by North Korean soldiers. For nearly five months they remained detained while friends and family in the United States were given little information about their status or conditions. For Lee, detention would prove especially harrowing. Imprisoned just 112 miles from where she was born and where her parents still live in Seoul, South Korea, she was branded as a betrayer of her Korean blood by her North Korean captors. After representing herself in her trial before North Korea's highest court, she received a sentence of twelve years of hard labor in the country's notorious prison camps, leading her to fear she might not ever see her husband and daughter again. The World Is Bigger Now draws us deep into Euna Lee's life before and after this experience: what led to her arrival in North Korea, her efforts to survive the agonizing months of detainment, and how she and her fellow captive, Ling, were finally released thanks to the efforts of many individuals, including Bill Clinton. Lee explains in unforgettable detail what it was like to lose, and then miraculously regain, life as she knew it. The World Is Bigger Now is the story of faith and love and Euna Lee's personal conviction that God will sustain and protect us, even in our darkest hours.

King of Spies-Blaine Harden 2017 In 1946, master sergeant Donald Nichols was stationed on Guam when he caught the eye of recruiters from the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps. After three months' training he was sent to Korea, then a backwater largely beneath the radar of MacArthur's Pacific Command. Nichols quickly insinuated himself into the affections of South Korea's first president, Syngman Rhee, and became a key player in the American war effort. Harden traces Nichols's rise and ruin-- and in doing so explains the history of our foreign policy mess with North Korea.

Korea: Where the American Century Began-Michael Pembroke 2018-05-04 Unless you know the history, you cannot see the future. In late 1950, the US-led invasion of North Korea failed and for the next three years the United States bombed the North's cities, towns and villages relentlessly. Pyongyang has been determined to develop a credible nuclear deterrent ever since. The Korean War was the first of America's unsuccessful military interventions post-World War II and its first modern conflict with China. It established the pattern for the next sixty years and marked the true beginning of the American century. With compassion for the people of the North and South, and understanding for the soldiers caught between the bitter winter and an implacable enemy, Michael Pembroke tells the absorbing story of Korea. It is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand why the Korean peninsula has become the nuclear flashpoint it is today.

Perspectives on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea-Sharon Richardson 2006 North Korea has been described as the most secretive country on earth. Dealing with such a closed society one that is simultaneously seeking acceptance through nuclear relations while defying the plea to cease development of nuclear weapons is difficult for governments and policy makers, but Perspectives on Policy Toward North Korea opens discussion on the various approaches the United States has adopted and is considering. Providing expert views on the impasse between the U.S. and North Korea, the volume addresses topics that include the negotiating strategies of the Clinton and Bush administrations, the concept of building bilateral relationships through contact of U.S. and South Korean military officers, and the benefits of allowing China to take the lead in conflict resolution. Employing both traditional and unusual methods, including diplomatic, academic, and military viewpoints, Perspectives on Policy Toward North Korea is an essential guide to a better understanding of this complicated dynamic and an important work for policy makers, analysts, and anyone interested in conflict resolution and security studies.

Immovable Object-A. B. Abrams 2020-10-01 North Korea and the United States have been officially at war for over 70 years, one of the longest lasting and most unbalanced conflicts in world history, in which a small East Asian state has held its own against a Western superpower for over three generations. With the Western world increasingly pivoting its attention towards Northeast Asia, and the region likely to play a more central role in the global economy, North Korea's importance as a strategically located country, potential economic powerhouse and major opponent of Western regional hegemony will only grow over the coming decades. This work is the first fully comprehensive study of the ongoing war between the two parties, and covers the history of the conflict from the first American clashes with Korea's nationalist movement in 1945 and imposition of its military rule over southern Korea to North Korea's nuclear deterrence program and ongoing tensions with the U.S. today. The nature of the antagonism between the two states, one profoundly influenced by both decolonisation and wartime memory, and the other uncompromising in its attempts to globally impose its leadership and ideology, is covered in detail. Northern Korea is one of very few inhabited parts of the world never to have been placed under Western rule, and its fiercely nationalist identity as a deeply Confucian civilization state has made it considerably more difficult to tackle than almost any other American adversary. This work elucidates the conflicting ideologies and the discordant designs for the Korean nation which have fueled the war, and explores emerging fields of conflict which have become increasingly central in recent years such as economic and information warfare. Prevailing trends in the conflict and its global implications, including the multiple wars that have been waged by proxy, are also examined in detail. An in-depth assessment of the past provides context key to understanding the future trajectories this relationship could take, and how a continuing shift in global order away from Western unipolarity is likely to influence its future. "To understand where the Korean Peninsula might go in the rest of the 21st century, Abrams' telling of the story of how the two countries got to where they are today is essential." – ANKIT PANDA, senior editor, The Diplomat "...even those who find his conclusions unpalatable will be forced to weigh them carefully."– JOHN EVERARD, former British

Ambassador to North Korea

Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader-Bradley K. Martin 2006-01-10 A dual portrait of Orwellian leaders Kim Il-Sung and Kim Jong-Il traces events from the end of World War II to the present, cites North Korea's stockpile of chemical weapons, describes Kim Il-Sung's numerous leadership roles, and warns readers about the threat posed by North Korea to American security. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Asia Pacific Security Outlook 2005-Richard W. Baker 2005-07 The Asia Pacific Security Outlook series provides assessments of the security environment, defense issues, and regional and global cooperation from the perspectives of countries that participate in the ASEAN Regional Forum. This ninth edition reports on the impact of such recent trends and events as the continuing slow-motion crisis over North Korea's nuclear program and other potential proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; further terrorist attacks combined with the forces of radical Islamism and regional rebellion that threaten numerous countries in the region; stresses in the relations of major regional powers, including China's relations with the United States (especially over Taiwan) and Japan; and new questions about the long-term future of a U.S. presence in the region. Adding the toll of natural disasters, disease, and persistent poverty, human security is under threat virtually throughout the region. Based on the work and expertise of a multinational team of security analysts and written for generalists and specialists alike, the Outlook is the most concise and authentic comparative work in this field.Contributors include Ross Cottrill (Australian Institute of International Affairs), Allen G. Sens (University of British Columbia), Martin Wagener (University of Trier, Germany), Philips Vermonte (Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia), Ken Jimbo (Japan Forum for International Relations), Kim Sung-han, (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, ROK), Elina Noor (Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia), Bayarmagnai Toinkhuu (Institute for Strategic Studies, Mongolia), Peter Cozens (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), Victor Cha (Georgetown University), Ronald J. May (Australian National University), Noel M. Morada (Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Phillipines), Sergey Sevastyanov (Vladivostok State University of Economics, Russia), Yeo Lay Hwee (Singapore Institute of International Affairs), Mallika Joseph (Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, India), Sakkarin Niyomsilpa (Kasikorn Research Center, Institute of Security and International Studies, Thailand), Hoang Anh Tuan (Research Institute for International Relations, Vietnam), Richard W. Baker (East-West Center), and Charles E. Morrison (East-West Center).

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