

A Death In Korea And The Search For Answers

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korea and the imperialists until the korean war in 1950. except for evangelist christian missionaries, americans were not interested in korea or considered it important in the scheme of things. many did not know korea had existed as an independent kingdom for centuries, and others thought korea might be a part of china or japan. nationalism, geopolitics, and imperialism were the major determinants of international events in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. greed and racism were the prime motivators of imperialism, and non-white societies of the world were the victims. korea was one of many countries that was invaded and made a sphere of influence with the support of america and britain. japan destroyed korea's traditional national identity and made korea a colony in the japanese empire. it was the perfect example of how imperialism profoundly affected the social, economic, and political life of countries subjugated by imperialist powers. after world war ii, korea was not granted independence because the americans did not believe koreans were capable of self-government. korea was divided into two military occupation zones, resulting in the creation of a russian and an american satellite state. in an effort to unite korea, north korea invaded south korea. the u.s., china, and the two korean states fought a meaningless war, and korea remains divided. who are the koreans? why are there two koreas? what is korea's national identity? what role does imperialism and racism play in the destruction of national identities? hopefully, this brief history of korea and the imperialists will provide some answers.

in korea and its futures. roy richard grinker argues that the continued conflict between north and south korea and the prospects for peace on the korean peninsula must be understood within the broader social and cultural contexts in which koreans live. grinker suggests that a fundamental obstacle to peace on the peninsula is that south korea has become a nation in which economic, political, and cultural identities are defined largely in opposition to north korea. he further demonstrates that, in spite of its status as a sacred goal for all koreans, the idea of unification threatens the world in which almost every south korean has been born and raised. in other words, grinker points out that unification is largely perceived by south koreans not as the integration of different identities but as the southern conquest and assimilation of the north. in short, as winning the war.

the korean peninsula was once one land; it is now divided into two. with modern south korea bordering the enigmatic north korea, find out what life is like in both countries. discover how korean people live, work, and play. learn about the events that shaped this fascinating country.

learn all about south korea including government history ethnic diversity landscape and climate religions and festivals cultural traditions transport systems languages cuisine and its relationship with north korea and find out more about south korea s relationship with australia

against the backdrop of china s mounting influence and north korea s growing nuclear capability and expanding missile arsenal south korea faces a set of strategic choices that will shape its economic prospects and national security in south korea at the crossroads scott a snyder examines the trajectory of fifty years of south korean foreign policy and offers predictions and a prescription for the future pairing a historical perspective with a shrewd understanding of today s political landscape snyder contends that south korea s best strategy remains investing in a robust alliance with the united states snyder begins with south korea s effort in the 1960s to offset the risk of abandonment by the united states during the vietnam war and the subsequent crisis in the alliance during the 1970s a series of shifts in south korean foreign relations followed the nordpolitik engagement with the soviet union and china at the end of the cold war kim dae jung s sunshine policy designed to bring north korea into the international community trustpolitik which sought to foster diplomacy with north korea and japan and changes in south korea s relationship with the united states despite its rise as a leader in international financial development and climate change forums south korea will likely still require the commitment of the united states to guarantee its security although china is a tempting option snyder argues that only the united states is both credible and capable in this role south korea remains vulnerable relative to other regional powers in northeast asia despite its rising profile as a middle power and it must balance the contradiction of desirable autonomy and necessary alliance

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long overshadowed by japan and china south korea is a small country that happens to be one of the great national success stories of the postwar period from a failed state with no democratic tradition ruined and partitioned by war and sapped by a half century of colonial rule south korea transformed itself in just fifty years into an economic powerhouse and a democracy that serves as a model for other countries with no natural resources and a tradition of authoritarian rule korea managed to accomplish a second asian miracle the author is a journalist who has lived in and written about korea for almost a decade in this book he examines korea s cultural foundations the korean character the public sphere in politics business and the workplace as well as the family dating and marriage in doing so he touches on topics as diverse as shamanism clan ism the dilemma posed by north korea the myths about doing business in korea the koreans renowned hard partying ethos and why the infatuation with learning english is now causing huge social problems

china and south korea have come a long way since they were adversaries the arc of their relationship since the late 1970s is an excellent model of east west cooperation and at the same time highlights the growing impact of china s rise over its regional neighbors including america s close allies south korea china relations have rarely been studied as an independent theme the accumulation of more than fifteen years of research between ally and partner reconstructs a comprehensive portrait of sino korean rapprochement and examines the strategic dilemma that the rise of china has posed for south korea and its alliance with the united states jae ho chung makes use of declassified government archives internal reports and opinion surveys and conducts personal interviews with korean chinese and american officials he tackles three questions why did south korea and china reconcile before the end of the cold war how did rapprochement lay the groundwork for diplomatic

normalization and what will the intersection of security concerns and economic necessity with china mean for south korea s relationship with its close ally the united states the implications of sino korean relations go far beyond the korean peninsula south korea was caught largely unprepared both strategically and psychologically by china s rise and the dilemma that south korea now faces has crucial ramifications for many countries in asia where attempts to counterbalance china have been rare thoroughly investigated and clearly presented this book answers critical questions concerning what kept these two countries talking and how enmity was transformed into a zeal for partnership

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having spent centuries in the shadows of its neighbours china and japan korea is now the object of considerable interest for radically different reasons the south as an economic success story and for its vibrant popular culture the north as the home to one of the world s most repressive regimes at once both bizarre and menacing this very short introduction explores the history culture and society of a deeply divided region michael seth considers what it means to be korean and analyses how the various peoples of the korean peninsula became one of the world s most homogeneous nations before exploring how this nation evolved in a single lifetime into today s sharply contrasting societies he also discusses how korea fits into the larger narrative of both east asian and world history economically politically and socially about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

the korean war was never formally declared and no peace treaty ending the war was ever signed the 1953 armistice did not stop the war but marked its extension and expansion into a warlike state of emergency how did the new reality of life under armistice shape visions of the possible in north and south korea what meanings are attached to deaths in a so called limited war that turned out to be limitless what does the lack of an end to the korean war reveal about the nature of war in the post 1945 era theodore hughes crosses borders to demonstrate how stories of dying and death what he calls the thanatographic imagination in north korea the us and south korea energize ideas about history the present and the future death without end shows how literary texts films nonfiction and other forms of cultural production from the late 1940s to the 1960s give rise to revolutionary belongings gendered selfhoods and anticommunist cosmopolitanisms as they address the incommensurate loss of life violence destruction and suffering of the war hughes also traces how the korean war entered us popular culture in unexpected but enduring ways bridging korean studies american studies and the cultural turn in international relations this book offers new ways to understand the unending korean war and the global implications of its logic of limitlessness

the south korean warship cheonan was sunk in mysterious circumstances on march 26 2010 the remarkable events that followed are analyzed by tim beal and woven into a larger study of the increasingly volatile relations between north and south korea and us concern about the rise of china south korea s stance towards the north has hardened significantly since the new conservative government came to power beal argues that the south moved quickly to use the sinking of the cheonan to put international pressure on the north even before the cause of the sinking had been established the united states followed suit by attempting to pressure china into condemning north korea the media reports at the time presented an open and shut case of unprovoked north korean aggression but the evidence points towards

the accidental triggering of a south korean mine as the cause and south korean fabrication to incriminate the north with the south bent on forcing the fall of the north's regime with us help and china unlikely to stand idly by this book offers an essential guide to the key factors behind the crisis and possible solutions

the debate in south korea over the government's engagement policy toward north korea the so called sunshine policy did not start with pyongyang's recent admission that it has been secretly pursuing a nuclear weapons program in violation of multiple international commitments but the evolution of the debate will be an important determinant of how the south korean and broader international response to this latest north korean challenge ultimately ends this report provides a framework for viewing south korean responses to this challenge it examines the south korean debate over policies toward the north analyzes the sources of controversy and assesses the debate's implications for south korea and the united states the report finds that much of the public debate is a product of differences among south koreans over the changes kim dae jung made in south korea's long existing policy after becoming president in 1998 rather than over the need for some kind of engagement with north korea per se while partisan politics are a component of the debate at its core are some big questions what should be the aim of any effort to achieve greater association with north korea reconciliation on the basis of korea being one people or unification by extending south korea's democratic free market system to the north what role should reciprocity play in this effort what should be the nature and scale of south korean assistance to north korea how should political efforts to engage north korea be balanced against south korea's security and other important interests how should the effectiveness of the government's policies be evaluated

the rise of south korea is one of the most unexpected and inspirational developments of the latter part of our century a few decades ago the koreans were an impoverished agricultural people in one generation they came out of the fields and into silicon valley in 1997 this powerhouse of a nation reeled and almost collapsed as a result of a weak financial system and heavily indebted conglomerates the world is now watching to see whether the koreans will be able to reform and continue their stunning growth although korea has only recently found itself a part of the global stage it is a country with a rich and complex past early history shows that koreans had a huge influence on ancient japan and their historic achievements include being the first culture to use metal movable type for printing books however much of their history is less positive it is marred with political violence poverty and war aspects that would sooner be forgotten by the koreans who are trying to focus on their promising future the fact that korean history has eluded much of the world is unfortunate but as korea becomes more of a global player understanding and appreciation for this unique nation has become indispensable in the koreans michael breen provides an in depth portrait of the country and its people an early overview of the nature and values of the korean people provides the background for a more detailed examination of the complex history of the country in particular its division into the communist north and pro western south in this absorbing and enlightening account of the koreans michael breen provides compelling insight into the history and character of this fascinating nation

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