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describes kim jong il's rise to power in north korea and how his strict policies have contributed to devastating famine the slaughter of many north koreans and the isolation of north korea from the world

the 2018 summit meeting between donald trump and kim jong un brought renewed international attention to north korea and its leading dynasty ruled by three successive generations of the kim family north korea is one of the most authoritarian states in the world this collection of articles covers the history of their dynasty including kim il sung's assumption of power in the wake of world war ii the intense cult of personality surrounding him that followed and the twice over handoff of power from father to son first to kim jong il and later to kim jong un this in depth coverage presents a tale of human rights abuses famine and nuclearization at the hands of three eccentric unpredictable and fiercely nationalistic dictators

andrei lankov has gone where few outsiders have ever been a native of the former soviet union he lived as an exchange student in north korea in the 1980s he has studied it for his entire career using his fluency in korean and personal contacts to build a rich nuanced understanding in the real north korea lankov substitutes cold clear analysis for the overheated rhetoric surrounding this opaque police state after providing an accessible history of the nation he turns his focus to what north korea is what its leadership thinks and how its people cope with living in such an oppressive and poor place he argues that north korea is not irrational and nothing shows this better than its continuing survival against all odds a living political fossil it clings to existence in the face of limited resources and a zombie economy manipulating great powers despite its weakness its leaders are not ideological zealots or madmen but perhaps the best practitioners of machiavellian politics that can be found in the modern world even though they preside over a failed state they have successfully used diplomacy including nuclear threats to extract support from other nations but while the people in charge have been ruthless and successful in holding on to power lankov goes on to argue that this cannot continue forever since the old system is slowly falling apart in the long run with or without reform the regime is unsustainable lankov contends that reforms if attempted will trigger a dramatic implosion of the regime they will not prolong its existence based on vast expertise this book reveals how average north koreans live how their leaders rule and how both survive

in this text andrei lankov traces the formation of the north korean state and the early years of kim il song's rule when the future great leader and his entourage were nurturing their power base

examines the rule of the Korean dictator who was premier and then president of North Korea until his death

Under the loving care of the fatherly leader offers in depth portraits of North Korea's two ruthless and bizarrely Orwellian leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. Lifting North Korea's curtain of self-imposed isolation, this book will take readers inside a society that to a Westerner will appear to be from another planet subsisting on a diet short on food grains and long on lies. North Koreans have been indoctrinated from birth to follow unquestioningly a father-son team of megalomaniacs. To North Koreans the Kims are more than just leaders. Kim Il Sung is the country's leading novelist, philosopher, historian, educator, designer, literary critic, architect, general, farmer, and ping-pong trainer. Radios are made so they can only be tuned to the official state frequency. Newspapers are filled with endless columns of Kim's speeches and propaganda. And instead of Christmas, North Koreans celebrate Kim's birthday, and he presents each child a present just like Santa. The regime that the Kim dynasty has built remains technically at war with the United States nearly a half century after the armistice that halted actual fighting in the Korean War. This fascinating and complete history takes full advantage of a great deal of source material that has only recently become available, some from archives in Moscow and Beijing, and brings the reader up to the tensions of the current day. For as this book will explain, North Korea appears more and more to be the greatest threat among the axis of evil countries, with some defector testimony warning that Kim Jong Il has enough chemical weapons to wipe out the entire population of South Korea.

Kim Jong Il came to power after the death of his father Kim Il Sung in 1994. Contrary to expectations, he has succeeded in maintaining enough political stability to remain in power. Kim Jong Il's leadership of North Korea is an examination of how political power has been developed, transmitted from father to son, and now operates in North Korea using a variety of original North Korean sources as well as South Korean materials. Jae Cheon Lim pieces together the ostensibly contradictory and inconsistent facts into a conceptual coherent framework. This book considers Kim and his leadership through an analytical framework composed of four main elements: i) Kim as a leader of a totalitarian society, ii) as a politician, iii) as a Korean, and iv) as an individual person. This illuminating account of what constitutes power and how it is used makes an important contribution to the understanding of an opaque and difficult regime. It will be of interest for upper level undergraduate, postgraduates, and academics interested in North Korean politics and also those in political theory.

Featuring contributions by some of the leading experts in Korean studies, this book examines the political content of Kim Jong Il's regime, maintenance including both the domestic strategy for regime survival and North Korea's foreign relations with South Korea, Russia, China, Japan, and the United States. It considers how and why the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) became a hermit kingdom in the name of Juche (self-reliance) ideology and the potential for the barriers of isolationism to endure. This up-to-date analysis of the DPRK's domestic and external policy linkages also includes a discussion of the ongoing North Korean nuclear standoff in the region.

Assesses Kim Jong Il's final years as the leader of North Korea, detailing how his rule exacerbated the threat the nation poses to the international community and identifying issues policymakers face in dealing with the state.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) joined the rank of nuclear powers in October 2006 after exploding its first nuclear device. The test was not fully successful, yet it unequivocally demonstrated North Korea's nuclear weapons capability. North Korea under the leadership of Kim Jong Il remains as unpredictable and mysterious as ever. This comprehensive

study brings together leading scholars in the field to examine the country's current foreign policy under Kim Jong Il as well as its bilateral relations with the USA, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea.

Concentrating on the years 1953-64, this history describes how North Korea became more despotic even as other communist countries underwent de-Stalinization. The author's principal new source is the Hungarian diplomatic archives which contain extensive reporting on Kim Il Sung and North Korea, thoroughly informed by research on the period in the Soviet and Eastern European archives and by recently published scholarship. Much of the story surrounds Kim Il Sung's Korean nationalism and eagerness for Korean autarky, his efforts to balance the need for foreign aid and his hope for an independent foreign policy, and what seems to be his good sense of timing in doing so in internal rivals without attracting Soviet retaliation through a series of comparisons not only with the USSR but also with Albania, Romania, Yugoslavia, China and Vietnam. The author highlights unique features of North Korean communism during the period. Szalontai covers ongoing effects of Japanese colonization, the experiences of diverse Korean factions during World War II and the weakness of the Communist Party in South Korea.

North Korea has long been a country of mystique, both provoking two nuclear crises and receiving aid from the international community. And South Korea, in more recent times, North Korea under Kim Jong Il examines how internal changes in North Korea since the early 1970s have structured that nation's apparently provocative nuclear diplomacy and recent economic reform measures. To understand these changes, author Sung Chull Kim uncovers relatively unknown internal aspects of the country under Kim Jong Il's leadership. His account, based on a thorough examination of primary sources, traces the origins, consolidation and dissonance of North Korea's systemic identity. He reveals how official and unofficial developments in the domains of North Korea's politics, ideology, economics and intellectual/cultural affairs have brought about system-wide duality, particularly between socialist principles embedded in the official ideology and economic institutions.

This report examines the prospects of the political leadership of North Korea passing from Supreme Leader Kim Il Sung to his son Kim Jong Il. The North Korean regime has carefully arranged the succession in order to preserve the Kim Il Sung system and his self-reliance ideology, because hereditary succession is such an unusual and inappropriate way to transmit leadership in a socialist country. There are questions as to whether this arrangement will achieve its objective and whether North Korea's power structure and social integrity will remain intact after the death of Kim Il Sung. To address these questions, the author analyzes: 1) the chronological development of the rise of Kim Jong Il; 2) the building of a personality cult around Kim Jong Il; 3) the background of and rationale for choosing hereditary succession; 4) the development of Kim Jong Il's leadership strategy; 5) supporters and opponents of Kim Jong Il; and 6) potential policy directions in the post-Kim Il Sung era. The major finding is that hereditary succession in a socialist system is difficult even for a monolithic regime like that in North Korea, suggesting that Kim Jong Il will have continuing problems establishing his political legitimacy.

North Korea's institutional politics defy traditional political models, making the country's actions seem surprising or confusing when in fact they often conform to the regime's own logic. Drawing on recent materials such as North Korean speeches, commentaries and articles, Patrick Mceachern, a specialist on North Korean affairs, reveals how the state's political institutions debate policy and inform and execute strategic-level decisions. Many scholars dismiss Kim Jong Il's regime as a one-man dictatorship, calling him the last totalitarian leader. But Mceachern identifies three major institutions that help maintain regime continuity: the cabinet, the military and the party. These groups hold different institutional policy platforms and debate high-level

policy options both before and after kim and his senior leadership make their final call this method of rule may challenge expectations but north korea does not follow a classically totalitarian personalistic or corporatist model rather than being monolithic mceachern argues the regime emerging from the crises of the 1990s rules differently today than it did under kim s father kim il sung the son is less powerful and pits institutions against one another in a strategy of divide and rule his leadership is fundamentally different it is post totalitarian authority may be centralized but power remains diffuse mceachern maps this process in great detail supplying vital perspective on north korea s reactive policy choices which continue to bewilder the west

in the first decade of the 21st century few national security challenges facing the united states are as vexing as that posed by north korea north korea is both a paradox and an enigma it is a paradox because on the one hand by some measures it appears to be a very powerful state possessing the world s fourth largest armed forces a sizeable arsenal of ballistic missiles and a worrying nuclear program but on the other hand it is an economic basket case in terms of agricultural output industrial production and foreign trade exports north korea is also an enigma because virtually every aspect of the pyongyang regime is mysterious and puzzling in short north korea is difficult for americans to understand and analyze this difficulty begins with confusion about what kind of political system north korea has and what kind of man leads it in this monograph andrew scobell explores pyongyang s political dynamics and seeks to shed light on the political system of north korea and its leader

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