



A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present

By Michael J. Seth

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth

In this comprehensive yet compact book, Michael J. Seth surveys Korean history from Neolithic times to the present. He explores the origins and development of Korean society, politics, and its still little-known cultural heritage from their inception to the two Korean states of today. Telling the remarkable story of the origins and evolution of a society that borrowed and adopted from abroad, Seth describes how various tribal peoples in the peninsula came together to form one of the world's most distinctive communities. He shows how this ancient, culturally and ethnically homogeneous society was wrenched into the world of late-nineteenth-century imperialism, fell victim to Japanese expansionism, and then became arbitrarily divided into two opposed halves, North and South, after World War II.

Tracing the past seven decades, the book explains how the two Koreas, with their deeply different political and social systems and geopolitical orientations, evolved into sharply contrasting societies. South Korea, after an unpromising start, became one of the few postcolonial developing states to enter the ranks of the first world, with a globally competitive economy, a democratic political system, and a cosmopolitan and dynamic culture. North Korea, by contrast, became one of the world's most totalitarian and isolated societies, a nuclear power with an impoverished and famine-stricken population. Seth describes and analyzes the radically different and historically unprecedented trajectories of the two Koreas, formerly one tight-knit society. Throughout, he adds a rich dimension by placing Korean history into broader global perspective and by including primary readings from each era. All readers looking for a balanced, knowledgeable history will be richly rewarded with this clear and concise book.

 [Download A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Presen ...pdf](#)

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present

By Michael J. Seth

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth

In this comprehensive yet compact book, Michael J. Seth surveys Korean history from Neolithic times to the present. He explores the origins and development of Korean society, politics, and its still little-known cultural heritage from their inception to the two Korean states of today. Telling the remarkable story of the origins and evolution of a society that borrowed and adopted from abroad, Seth describes how various tribal peoples in the peninsula came together to form one of the world's most distinctive communities. He shows how this ancient, culturally and ethnically homogeneous society was wrenched into the world of late-nineteenth-century imperialism, fell victim to Japanese expansionism, and then became arbitrarily divided into two opposed halves, North and South, after World War II.

Tracing the past seven decades, the book explains how the two Koreas, with their deeply different political and social systems and geopolitical orientations, evolved into sharply contrasting societies. South Korea, after an unpromising start, became one of the few postcolonial developing states to enter the ranks of the first world, with a globally competitive economy, a democratic political system, and a cosmopolitan and dynamic culture. North Korea, by contrast, became one of the world's most totalitarian and isolated societies, a nuclear power with an impoverished and famine-stricken population. Seth describes and analyzes the radically different and historically unprecedented trajectories of the two Koreas, formerly one tight-knit society. Throughout, he adds a rich dimension by placing Korean history into broader global perspective and by including primary readings from each era. All readers looking for a balanced, knowledgeable history will be richly rewarded with this clear and concise book.

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth Bibliography

- Rank: #701821 in Books
- Published on: 2010-11-16
- Released on: 2010-11-16
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.11" h x 1.70" w x 6.12" l, 1.95 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 552 pages

 [Download A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Presen ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth

Editorial Review

Review

Michael Seth somehow manages to pack an enormous amount of information into his short overview of the Korean peninsula's long history. With a useful glossary and a helpful bibliography, *A History of Korea* is especially recommended for those without any prior knowledge of Korean history and culture. (Lie, John)

About the Author

Michael J. Seth is associate professor of East Asian and world history at James Madison University.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Shannon Harvey:

What do you consider book? It is just for students because they're still students or this for all people in the world, what best subject for that? Merely you can be answered for that question above. Every person has various personality and hobby for each and every other. Don't to be forced someone or something that they don't want do that. You must know how great in addition to important the book *A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present*. All type of book can you see on many options. You can look for the internet options or other social media.

Darren Custer:

The e-book untitled *A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present* is the publication that recommended to you you just read. You can see the quality of the book content that will be shown to a person. The language that creator use to explained their way of doing something is easily to understand. The article writer was did a lot of exploration when write the book, hence the information that they share for you is absolutely accurate. You also can get the e-book of *A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present* from the publisher to make you far more enjoy free time.

Stacee Stern:

The book *A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present* has a lot associated with on it. So when you check out this book you can get a lot of help. The book was written by the very famous author. Tom makes some research ahead of write this book. That book very easy to read you can find the point easily after looking over this book.

Theodore Huff:

Your reading sixth sense will not betray you, why because this *A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the*

Present guide written by well-known writer who knows well how to make book that can be understand by anyone who all read the book. Written inside good manner for you, still dripping wet every ideas and composing skill only for eliminate your own personal hunger then you still hesitation A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present as good book not merely by the cover but also with the content. This is one e-book that can break don't judge book by its cover, so do you still needing another sixth sense to pick this specific!? Oh come on your examining sixth sense already told you so why you have to listening to yet another sixth sense.

Download and Read Online A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth #1WXSOP7E295

Read A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth for online ebook

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth books to read online.

Online A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth ebook PDF download

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth Doc

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth Mobipocket

A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth EPub

1WXSOP7E295: A History of Korea: From Antiquity to the Present By Michael J. Seth