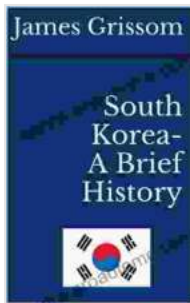


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South Korea is a country with a long and rich history. From its ancient origins to the present day, Korea has been a crossroads of cultures and a major player in East Asian affairs.

Ancient Korea

The earliest evidence of human habitation in Korea dates back to the Paleolithic era. By the Neolithic period, Korea was home to a number of settled agricultural communities. These communities were eventually absorbed into the growing Korean kingdom of Silla, which emerged in the 4th century AD.

Silla reached its peak in the 7th century AD, during the reign of King Munmu. Under Munmu's leadership, Silla conquered the rival kingdoms of Baekje and Goguryeo, and unified Korea for the first time.

Medieval Korea

The Unified Silla kingdom lasted for over a century, but it eventually collapsed in the 9th century AD. In the chaos that followed, Korea was divided into three rival kingdoms: Goryeo, Baekje, and Silla.

Goryeo eventually emerged as the dominant power in Korea, and ruled for over five centuries. During the Goryeo period, Korea experienced significant cultural and economic growth. Buddhism flourished, and new technologies were introduced from China.

Modern Korea

The Goryeo kingdom came to an end in the 14th century AD, when it was conquered by the Mongols. The Mongols ruled Korea for over a century, but they were eventually expelled in the 14th century AD.

After the Mongol invasion, Korea was ruled by the Joseon dynasty. The Joseon dynasty lasted for over five centuries, and it was during this time that Korea's modern identity began to take shape.

The Joseon dynasty was a time of great intellectual and artistic achievement. Confucianism became the dominant ideology in Korea, and new forms of art and literature emerged.

Contemporary Korea

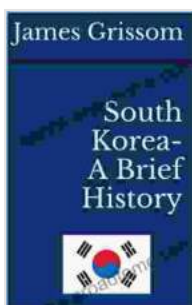
The Joseon dynasty came to an end in the early 20th century AD, when Korea was annexed by Japan. Japan ruled Korea for over three decades, but it was eventually defeated in the Second World War.

After the Second World War, Korea was divided into two separate countries: North Korea and South Korea. North Korea is a communist state,

while South Korea is a democratic republic.

South Korea has experienced rapid economic growth since the Korean War, and it is now one of the most developed countries in Asia. South Korea is a major global player, and it is a member of the United Nations and the G20.

South Korea has a long and rich history, and it has played a major role in East Asian affairs for centuries. From its ancient origins to the present day, South Korea has been a crossroads of cultures and a major player in the region.



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