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north korea s testing of a nuclear bomb sent out a shock wave throughout the world and totally changed the strategic equation in the korean peninsula and northeast asia this testing has far reaching implications for korean peace and unification northeast asian security and america s global war on terrorism this key volume provides an in depth analysis of the inter korean and international dynamics of north korea s nuclear crisis it offers new insights into the six party talks designed to resolve the crisis suggests creative formulas to resolve the ongoing crisis through peaceful diplomatic means and delves into the interests and policies of the major powers the us china japan and russia at the six party negotiating table the contributing authors are distinguished specialists and experts in the field and as such offer valuable expertise into the dynamics of this nuclear crisis for students and academics

in this second edition of north korea s new diplomacy author virginie grzelczyk shows how north korea has managed to weather an uncertain political future and catastrophic economic system since the end of the cold war emerging as a state that has successfully

developed and tested missiles and nuclear weapons north korea has consolidated the kim family dynasty through the appointment of kim jong un as pyongyang s latest strongman the author provides an up to date empirically rich account of new diplomatic recognitions military partnerships knowledge trade coping mechanisms to offset international sanctions import and export partners foreign investment practices and engagement within the global south with new and updated text throughout the book gives a detailed picture of a state that constantly becoming a more complex and relevant actor in the 21st century diplomatic world

an eye opening account of life inside north korea a closed world of increasing global importance hailed as a tour de force of meticulous reporting the new york review of books with a new afterword that revisits these stories and north korea more broadly in 2022 in the wake of the pandemic national book award finalist national book critics circle award finalist in this landmark addition to the literature of totalitarianism award winning journalist barbara demick follows the lives of six north korean citizens over fifteen years a chaotic period that saw the death of kim il sung the rise to power of his son kim jong il the father of kim jong un and a devastating famine that killed one fifth of the population demick brings to life what it means to be living under the most repressive regime today an orwellian world that is by choice not connected to the internet where displays of affection are punished informants are rewarded and an offhand remark can send a person to the gulag for life she takes us deep inside the country beyond the reach of government censors and through meticulous and sensitive reporting we see her subjects fall in love raise families nurture ambitions and struggle for survival one by one we witness their profound life altering disillusionment with the government and their realization that rather than providing them with lives of abundance their country has betrayed them praise for nothing to envy provocative offers extensive evidence of the author s deep knowledge of this country while

keeping its sights firmly on individual stories and human details the new york times deeply moving the personal stories are related with novelistic detail the wall street journal a tour de force of meticulous reporting the new york review of books excellent humanizes a downtrodden long suffering people whose individual lives hopes and dreams are so little known abroad san francisco chronicle the narrow boundaries of our knowledge have expanded radically with the publication of nothing to envy elegantly structured and written it is a groundbreaking work of literary nonfiction john delury slate at times a page turner at others an intimate study in totalitarian psychology the philadelphia inquirer

this unique book now fully updated provides a comprehensive overview of all aspects of life in north korea today drawing on decades of experience noted experts ralph hassig and kongdan oh explore a world few outsiders can imagine in vivid detail the authors describe how the secretive and authoritarian government of kim jong un shapes every aspect of its citizens lives how the command socialist economy has utterly failed and how ordinary individuals struggle to survive through small scale capitalism weighing the very limited individual rights allowed the authors illustrate how the political class system and the legal system serve solely as tools of the regime the key to understanding how the north korean people live the authors argue is to realize that their only allowed role is to support kim jong un whose grandfather founded the country in the late 1940s still a cypher kim jong un as did his father before him controls his people by keeping them isolated and banning most foreigners north koreans remain hungry and oppressed yet the outside world is slowly filtering in and the book concludes by urging the united states to flood north korea with information so that its people can make decisions based on truth rather than their dictator s ubiquitous propaganda

this study examines the choices available to the united states for dismantling north korea s nuclear weapons programs the options range from doing nothing to executing policies of engagement containment or preemption each option has advantages and disadvantages and there are numerous factors influencing the problem the major factors include u s national interests the role of china the rok u s alliance the difficult nature of north korea and the u s war on terror engagement is less risky in the short term because it reduces the risks of miscalculation and escalation by preventing the conditions that support north korea seeing war as a rational act however it is risky in the long term because it allows north korean nuclear weapons development to proceed unchecked this could lead to proliferation to terrorists and rogue states containment s main advantage is that it takes a direct path to solving the problem its major disadvantage is that it could cause north korea a failing state to view war as a rational act containment also is not supported by friends and allies in the region preemption is the most direct method to ensure elimination of north korea s nuclear weapons however the risks associated with this option could lead to catastrophic loss of life and devastation and ultimately to loss of u s influence in the region the optimal course of action is not one policy in particular but a combination of engagement and containment furthermore preemptive action will invite foreign policy disaster for the u s and should only be used as a last resort specific policy recommendations to improve implementation of a hybrid policy of engagement and containment include strengthening the rok u s alliance supplementing multilateral talks with bilateral talks offering a formal security guarantee to north korea broadening the proliferation security initiative to include china and improving national intelligence capabilities if preemption must be used national leaders must know what conditions would trigger the decision and they must prepare in advance the necessary protocol for warning and informing friends allies and other concerned parties

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

in the real north korea lankov substitutes cold clear analysis for the overheated rhetoric surrounding this opaque police state based on vast expertise this book reveals how average north koreans live how their leaders rule and how both survive

a country of stark contradictions and puzzles north korea exhibits uncanny resilience in the face of external shocks and internal woes raising important questions of theoretical and real world significance what has made it possible for north korea to defy the classical realist axiom the strong do what they have the power to do and the weak accept what they have to accept what is the nature of the north korean threat in post cold war northeast asia what kind of bargaining leverage does pyongyang exercise in system maintaining survival strategies what are north korea s prospects for sustaining such survival strategies in the uncertain years ahead this volume offers a major reappraisal of the changing relationship between north korea and its neighboring powers in the post cold war era in both theoretical and practical terms the contributors examine the complex interplay of global regional and national forces that have influenced and shaped the changing patterns of conflict and cooperation in north korea s relationships with china russia and japan and with the united states within the context of

northeast asian geopolitics the book tracks explains and assesses north korea s survival strategies in both the security and economic domains as well as the prospects of these strategies in the coming years

mention north korea to people today and they will conjure up many unflattering images particularly in the wake of george w bush denouncing the state as part of an axis of evil despite this cold war type rhetoric the state of north korea has begun to recognise the difficult challenges that it faces and is now trying to get to grips with them systematically this book brings together a selection of many of the world experts on the north korean economy and covers such important issues as possible unification with south korea the significance of china s economic success europe and the united states roles in north korea north korea in the world economy provides an accessible well written and comprehensive account of this unique country and its economy it will be extremely interesting not only for students and academics with an interest in korean studies international finance and transition economies but also for anyone with an interest in international economics

the korean peninsula divided for more than fifty years is stuck in a time warp millions of troops face one another along the demilitarized zone separating communist north korea and capitalist south korea in the early 1990s and again in 2002 2003 the united states and its allies have gone to the brink of war with north korea misinterpretations and misunderstandings are fueling the crisis there is no country of comparable significance concerning which so many people are ignorant american anthropologist cornelius osgood said of korea some time ago this ignorance may soon have fatal consequences north korea south korea is a short accessible book about the history and political complexities of the korean peninsula one that explores practical alternatives to the current us policy alternatives that build on the remarkable

and historic path of reconciliation that north and south embarked on in the 1990s and that point the way to eventual reunification

the institute for unification education which constitutes the ministry of unification of the republic of korea has published annual editions of understanding north korea since 1972 as an endeavor to promote greater understanding of north korea for south korean readers understanding north korea depicts the reality faced by the northern regime in areas of politics diplomacy military economy society culture and many more the may 2012 publication has been translated into english with the aim to help the international community better understand the northern half of the korean peninsula english translations of the referred editions will be published on an biennial basis we hope that this book enables readers around the world to better grasp the reality of north korea the regime in north korea exhibits three characteristics it is a totalitarian dictatorship governed by the sole leadership of the sury^ong who stands above the workers party of korea wpk and the state the regime as one of the world s most highly centralized and planned economies has advocated self reliance and the monopoly of all means of production by the state and cooperative organizations and the state uses the concept of grand socialist family which requires absolute obedience of people to the sury^ong who is considered the father of a family these traits engendered a peculiar form of social structure unprecedented in any other socialist country as it had to do under kim jong il north korea under kim jong un must engage in some degree of reform and opening to improve its economy and ensure the regime s survival such a path however also brings with it the risk of regime collapse the regime thus faces the difficult task of maintaining stability while at the same time reforming and opening up contents i how should we view north korea section 1 nature of the northern regime 11 section 2 north korea s dilemma 18 political system and governing principles section 1 history of the north korean regime and establishment of its political system 25 1 soviet

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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 koreas 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

a council on foreign relations task force recommends revising u s policy toward north korea to break the cycle of north korean provocation and promote stability in northeast asia

why does north korea want to possess nuclear capabilities in order to find the answer to this question we must have an accurate understanding of the history and structure of the north korean regime so far we have only formed conjectures and predictions regarding north korea based on our own perspectives we now need to deal with and consider north korea as is to reach viable solutions to the issues north korea presents this volume contains analyses of the most salient critical issues pertinent to understanding the north korean regime penned by representative korean scholars of north korea as such the book examines the historical formation of north korea the identities of those power elite and the relative stability or instability as the case may be of the new regime under kim jong un also an important aspect

to consider is the possibility of socio economic change in north korea though north korea has remained relatively static vis à vis its political and military systems it is in the process of becoming rapidly marketized having continued various attempts to modify its economic policy in the social realm said economic shift has elicited the polarization of the disparate classes and the expansion of individualism such social transformations obscured by the easily visible political reality of north korea can provide solid grounds for determining the future of the north korea regime moreover it is imperative that we accurately understand the motivation behind north korea s intention to develop nuclear weapons namely the expansion of deterrence we must recognize the reasons for the north korean hostility toward the united states from the very beginning of the dprk formation and the north korean fixation on nuclear weapons development further we need to understand the nature of relations between china and north korea relations on which the international community has focused since north korea began its nuclear testing as well as the history and structure of relations between north and south korea only when we accurately understand north korea can we reach solutions to the north korean nuclear issue the studies in this volume by korean scholars will reveal the veiled background of the visible phenomena and thereby help the readers to correctly understand the north korean behaviors hitherto misunderstood or even those that were impossible to understand

the first of its kind this book provides a unique inside look into the hidden world of ordinary north koreans mike kim who worked with refugees on the chinese border for four years recounts their experiences of enduring famine sex trafficking and torture as well as the inspirational stories of those who overcame tremendous adversity to escape the repressive regime of their homeland and make new lives one of the few americans granted entry into the secretive hermit kingdom kim came to know the isolated country and its people intimately

his north korean friends entrusted their secrets to him as they revealed the government's brainwashing tactics and confessed their true thoughts about the repressive regime that so rigidly controls their lives civilians and soldiers alike spoke of what north koreans think of americans and war with america children remembered the suffering they endured through the famine women and girls recalled their horrific experiences at the hands of sex traffickers former political prisoners shared their memories of beatings torture and executions in the gulags with the permission of these courageous individuals kim now shares their stories and recounts his dramatic experiences leading north koreans to asylum through the six thousand mile modern day underground railway through asia his unflinching narrative exposes the truth about north korea stripping away the last veils that still shroud this brutal dictatorship

prolonging north korea's life may actually increase the costs and the dangers of its inevitable demise

introduces the history people climate products and politics of this small country on the northern part of the korean peninsula

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