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Synopsis

Winner of the McCaleb Peace Initiative, Coral Russell, traveled to Korea to investigate the reunification progress between North and South Korea. These articles first appeared in the MSSU The Chart 2003. Related topics: DMZ, Military, Korea, South Korea, Asian American Studies, Asian Travel, Cultural Anthropology, Far East Asian Travel, North Korea, Political, 21st Century World History

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Customer Reviews

2013 seems to be the year of non-fiction for me. I've been reading everything from science to politics, from gender studies to history. When I received a copy of Peace on the Peninsula, I really didn't have any idea what to expect. Apart from Escape from Camp 14, I have very little knowledge of the Korean Peninsula. I enjoyed Russell's style of writing when I read her fiction novel, Sacrifice, but I'll be honest and admit that I wasn't sure how it would transfer to a more serious work. If the

Encyclopedia Britannica is a tuxedo clad upper class toff, I think of Russell as plaid shirt, denim clad, one hand in pocket, the other holding a tequila. In other words, she has a laid back style. Clearly, however, it is deceptive. Russell writes with clear and evident love for the Korean people and culture and genuine concern for the future of the Peninsula. It's evident that the research was conducted thoroughly and with great depth; however, this is not a numbers game for Russell. This is a people game, through and through. If her writing shows some informality, it is in its obvious underlying concern for this turbulent area and the struggles - past, present and future - that they contend with. This is not a dry work of data and statistics. Russell talks about the food, the people, her own experience of living in Korea, with such a clear connection. This book matters. It matters to her. I'm sure there are lengthier books on Korea, more replete with history and graphs, reports and statistics. I'm sure they are very good. But if you want a book with heart, pick up Peace on the Peninsula. Its simplicity and straightforward approach make the substance the key feature, and with it make the stories of the Korean people so much more meaningful. **I received a copy of the book in exchange for my fair and honest review. All opinions are my own and I did not receive any additional compensation. **

Peace on the Peninsula is a light, educating read on Korea, with an easy flow that keeps your interest. Real life interviews across a wide spectrum of life styles gives an intimate look at the lives, history and opinions of the Korean people. Though the main focus was on what the people's opinions were on re-unification, it was done on a very personal level. Pictures throughout the book give a down home feel of the culture. From language, food to personalities Coral Russell has a clear cut writing style that leaves you with a feel of having traveled with her. Enjoyed this read. Rgabel

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