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Song Hye-jin
Seoul : Korea Foundation, 2008
180p,; 25cm
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Korean Culture Series 11
\$ 35.00

Cinema Studies

Kim Ki Duk / Adrien Gombeaud
Paris: Editions Dis Voir, 2008
128p,; 28cm
ISBN-13: 9782914563215
In English
\$ 55.00

On the Korean Film Director Kim Ki Duk

Kang Woo-Suk / OH Dong-jin
Seoul: Seoul Selection, 2008
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Seoul: Seoul Selection, 2008
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The International Flavours of Seoul / Seoul International Women's Association
Seoul: Seoul Selection, 2008
256p,; 21cm
ISBN-13: 9788991913462
\$ 24.50

Economics/Development Studies

Big Bang in Capital Market / The Korea Securities Research Institute & The Korea Herald
Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008
192p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788962970043
Insight into Korea Series Vol. 6
\$ 29.50

To these questions, Big Bang in Capital Market gives unambiguous answers. The researchers of the Korea Securities Research Institute, who jointly authored the book, argue that it is not investment banking per se that is challenged. What has been found defective is the Wall Street model of investment banking. The authors provide a penetrating analysis of the problems of what they call Wall Street's "free-lunch model" and offer astute policy recommendations for financial regulators.

The Promise of ICTs in Asia: Key Trends and Issues / Sun Sun Lim, Raymund C. Sison & Dong-Yeob Kim (Eds)
Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008
x. 211p,; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788988095898(HB)
\$ 32.50

Bureaucrats and Entrepreneurs: The State and the Chaebol in Korea / Yun Tae Kim
Seoul, Jimoondang, 2008
xvi. 304p,; 23cm
Includes bibliography and index
ISBN-13: 9788988095324(HB)
Korean Studies Series No. 38
\$ 49.50

This book traces the historical effect of the state and foreign capital on big business in Korea.

General & Guidebooks

Simple and Sudden Way to Enlightenment Cookies of Zen / Myo Vong
Seoul: EunHaeng NaMu, 2008
395p,; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9788956602578(HB)
\$ 22.50

Visits to the Kings (3 Dimensional Illustrated Map of The Royal Tombs of Joseon Dynasty Included) / Lee Byeongyu
Seoul: Geomarketing Co. Ltd., 2008
187p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788992158091
Guidebook of Royal Tombs of the Joseon Dynasty
\$ 29.95

Baduk 1 Made Fun and Easy: Baduk as a harmony, construction and an art / Chihyung Nam
Seoul: EunHaeng NaMu, 2006
222p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788956601670
\$ 19.50

It is said Baduk is not merely a game; it is itself. For more than twenty-five centuries, Baduk has been extolled as the most virtuous of amusements. As an old Chinese saying goes, it will give you good times, harmony, knowledge of life, peace of mind, and even longevity. It may sound unconvincing that a simple pastime can include all the aforementioned virtues, but as you become familiar with Baduk, you will understand that a player will gain them naturally – without any additional effort – just by playing. Surprisingly, despite all its benefits, Baduk is not a very complicated game to learn. In fact, the rules are very simple and you can learn them in a few minutes. The only thing left for you is to play and enjoy the game.

Baduk 2 Made Fun and Easy: Baduk as a voyage, struggle and a life / Chihyung Nam
Seoul: EunHaeng NaMu, 2007
207p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788956602110
\$ 19.50

Baduk 3 Made Fun and Easy: Baduk as a game to enjoy through your life / Chihyung Nam
Seoul: EunHaeng NaMu, 2008
207p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788956602677
\$ 19.50

History

The Politics of Separation of The Korean Peninsula, 1943-1953 / Shin Bok-ryong
Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008
754p.; 26cm
ISBN-13: 9788988095300(HB)
\$ 135.00

Why was Korea separated? Why have the Koreans been unable to overcome the line of demarcation separating them over the last 60 years? Why did the Korean War break out? Many scholars studying contemporary Korean history have been conducting a detailed analysis of these very subjects. Traditionalists tend to place blame on the Communist Bloc, including Soviet Russia, while revisionists see the responsibility lying with United States

anti-communist imperialism. Throughout this controversial process, Korean scholars have been neglectful of a self-reflection that would allow them to view their own biases in dealing with these issues. Based on historicism, this book considers at its core a series of tragic Korean historical events as civil or internal conflicts and aims to reflect on Korea's own historical mistakes and errors. In this respect, this study can be categorized as being re-revisionist. This book was written with the conviction that the Korean Peninsula was not divided by other, external powers but separated from within.

Korea and the World / Hong Sah-myung
Seoul: Park, Chul Hankuk University of Foreign Studies Press Center, 2008
267p.; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9788974645007
\$ 26.00

Contents Include

Ancient Korea /Different Backgrounds between the West and the East / Medieval Korea / Pre-Modern Korea / Struggles for National Building / Modernization Process / Contemporary Issues

The Record of the Black Dragon Year / Peter H Lee
Seoul: Institute of Korean Culture, Korean University, 2000
224p.; 23cm
ISBN-13: 9788971550502(HB)
\$ 35.00

The Imjin nok, or Record of the Black Dragon Year, is the first popular tale inspired by the Japanese invasion of Korea between 1592 and 1598. As a collection of folk narratives clustered around major events and characters, it exists in some forty manuscript and printed versions, long and short, in the vernacular and in literary Chinese. In the introduction, PETER H LEE traces the rise of popular storytelling in late Choson, analyzes ten recurring motifs shared by most extant versions in the vernacular, and discusses the firsthand eyewitness accounts of Korean captives in Japan, along with similar accounts of the war in the records of dream journeys and kasa poetry. The translation is amply annotated, with the original text and reference matter.

Goguryeo : In Search of Its Culture and History / Ho-tae Jeon
Seoul: Hollym Corp., Publisher, 2008
288p.; 22cm
ISBN-13: 9781565912823
\$ 39.50

A New Journey into the Jeolla Region / Chonnam National University Weekly (Ed)
Gwangju: Chonnam National University Press, 2008
293p.; 25cm
ISBN-13: 9788975986789
\$ 35.00

Admiral Yi Sun-sin: A brief overview of his life and achievements / Editorial Board of Diamond Sutra Recitation Group
Seoul: BM Books, 2008
137p.; 19cm
ISBN-13: 9788997643444

\$ 12.00

An account of the military genius Admiral Yi Sun-sin's campaign against the Japanese invasion during the Imjin War (1592-1597), with a discussion of his life and career, his ingenious naval tactics, and his loyal spirit.

King Sejong the Great: The Everlasting Light of Korea

Seoul: BM Books, 2008

170p,; 19cm

ISBN-13: 9788987643452

\$ 12.00

Thoughts and achievements of King Sejong, the greatest ruler in five thousand years of Korean history

Women in Korean History / Lee Bae-yong *****

Seoul: Ewha Womans University Press, 2008

319p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9788973007721(HB)

\$ 44.00

The 21st century is expected to be an era of unprecedented use of female human resources. There cannot be more valuable information than historical experiences in assessing the present and planning the future. In this context, the author has intensively studied the history of Korean women with the aim of shedding light on the dynamic life of those who defied numerous feudalistic barriers to assume pioneering roles in modernization as well as in transmission and development of traditions.

Politics / International Relations

The Role of the Middle Class in Korea Democratization / Sungsoo Kim

Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008

xiv. 201p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788988095775(HB)

Korean Studies Series No. 39

\$ 32.50

What brought the Korean middle class to play an important role in the transitional phase of democratization? What influenced them to change its conservative values and preoccupation with economic stability and to actively participate in the political process? What are the backgrounds of their participation? This book is designed to trace and answer these questions. Members of the Korean middle class were the core actors in terms of size and their strategic positions in important social organizations and institutions. While there have been numerous debates and articles dealing with their role, most of the studies focus on their participation rather than its causes. This study examines the factors explaining middle class participation in the movement for democratization. It develops a complex argument to explain the participation of different sectors of the middle class in the democracy movement in the mid- 1980s incorporating both structural and cultural explanations. Especially concerned was the author with the influence of Confucianism and Christianity and the development of post-materialist values on the political culture of Korea, and how the interaction of different but not necessarily conflicting sets of values has influenced different sectors of the middle class to take action against the authoritarian government and in

support of democracy. Finally, this study will perhaps provide support for the positions of both modernization theorists and cultural theorists for democratic transition and consolidation.

Political Change in Korea / The Korea Herald & The Korean Political Science Association (Eds)

Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008

340p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788988095386

Insight into Korea Series Vol.3

\$ 29.50

Political Change in Korea is intended to help readers better understand the tremendous changes that have reshaped the Korean political landscape since June 1987.

Most authors in this book discuss Korean politics from a critical perspective. While acknowledging the progress Korea has made in democratization, at the same time, they point out the long road ahead in attaining full-fledged liberal democracy.

A New National Strategy for Korea / The Korea Herald (Ed)

Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008

335p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788988095317

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Comparative Studies for Better Governance in Asian Countries

Seoul: OECD Asian Centre for Public Governance, 2007

386p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788975947452

\$ 25.00

This book is a comparative study of Asian countries efforts on government innovation in various fields.

It is edited by the OECD Asian Centre for Public Governance, a resource centre to support OECD's works on public governance with non-OECD Asian countries. Through six papers and an appendix, this book seeks to address policy directions and strategies for better public governance in Asian countries.

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5. Public Management Reform in Thailand
6. A Comparative Profile of Administrative Cultures and Organizational Effectiveness in Asian Countries: Korea, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

The Gwangju Uprising: The Pivotal Democratic Movement That Changed the History of Modern Korea / Choi Jungwoon

New Jersey: Homa & Sekey Books, 2006

xviii. 326p,; 23cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

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Seoul : KSI, 2008

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Seoul : KSI, 2008

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Over centuries a relatively clear articulation developed between the Gospel and traditional Western thought and therefore conveying the Gospel to people who share this view is relatively simple. However, one of the greatest challenges facing the Church is to ensure that the Gospel is heard by people from diverse cultures without having their understanding blocked by the fact that they do not share Western cosmology and worldview.

Sociology / Culture Studies

Korean Wave / The Korea Herald

Seoul: Jimoondang, 2008

330p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9788988095843

Insight into Korea Series Vol. 5

\$ 29.50

Korean Wave is intended to offer a firsthand account of the amazing spread of Korean popular culture to Asian countries and beyond. For this, the book relies on a group of foreign journalists and scholars who each wrote an essay on the Korean pop-culture fever in their own countries.

100 Cultural Symbols of Korea: 100 Windows Showcasing Korea / Yoo Myeong-jong & Lee Ji-hye

Seoul: Discovery Media, 2008

167p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9788995609163(HB)

\$ 39.50

Festive Occasions: The Customs in Korea / Yoon Seo-seok

Seoul: Ewha Womans University Press, 2008

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