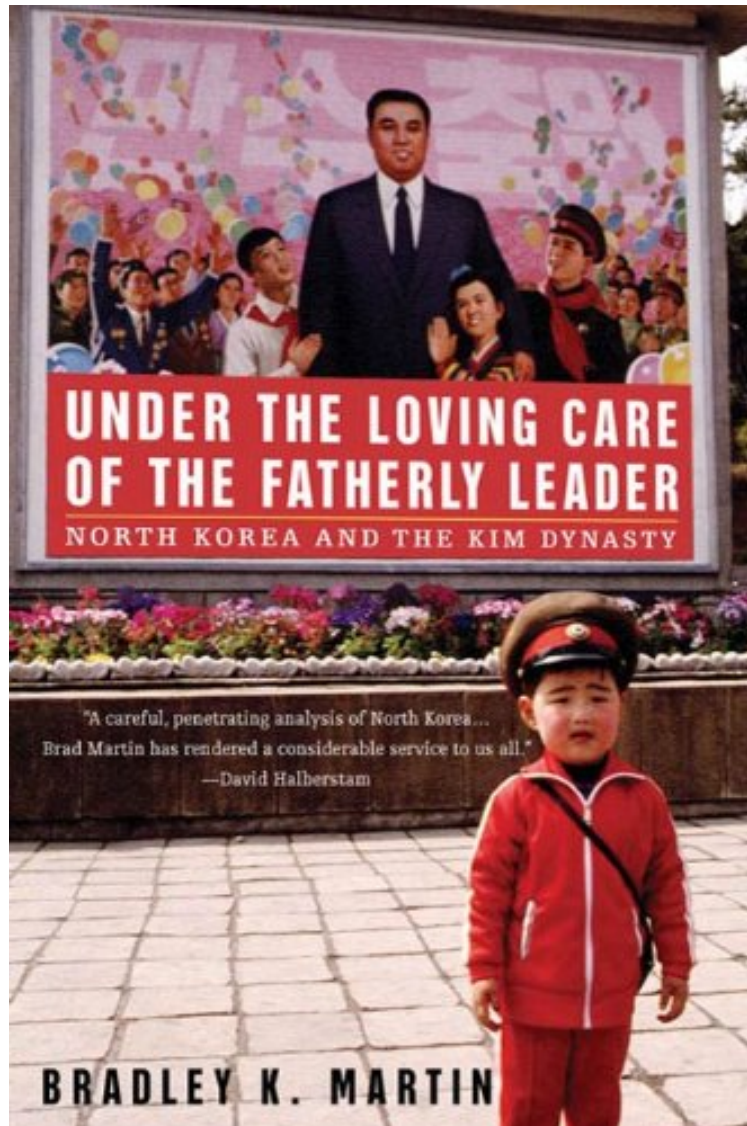


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Nordkoreas) nicht ohne weiteres und auf einmal verfügbar sind. Trotz des Umfangs gehört das Buch nicht zu den ansonsten recht trostlosen Ansammlungen von Zitaten, die in der wissenschaftlichen Literatur eher blühen sind. Fundstellen sind gut belegt und bieten mit weiterführenden Bemerkungen vertiefende Einblicke in die Materie. Stilistisch ist das Buch so gehalten, da man es ohne Ermüdungserscheinungen von Anfang bis Ende durchlesen kann. 1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Die Kim-Dynastie in nie dagewesenem Detail von mbPhnomena! Einen besseren Einblick wird man in Nordkorea derzeit kaum bekommen können. Die Kim-Dynastie wird von den Kindertagen Kim Il-sungs bis zu den heutigen Machtkämpfen Kim Jong-ils mit seinen Parteikadern beleuchtet. Der Autor bezieht seine Informationen aus verschiedensten internen und externen Quellen, Dissidenten und eigenen Wahrnehmungen. Ich sehe Nordkorea heute mit ganz anderen Augen. 100%ige Empfehlung. 6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Leicht veralteter gigantisch detailreicher Wlzer ber Kims Reich Von Andre Sitter Eine Vorwarnung sei gegeben Wer sich mit der Materie noch nicht befasst hat und eine kurze Einführung erwartet sollte dieses Buch nicht kaufen. Das hier ist kein kurzes reierisches Werk ber die letzte stalinistische Diktatur der Welt, wie das derzeit zunehmend in Mode kommt, noch finden wir hier einen Reiselehrer vor, vielmehr hat der Autor sein ganzes Lebenswerk als Journalist ber Nordkorea auf ber 700 Seiten Inhalt zusammengefasst und liefert von der ersten bis zur letzten Seite tausende mit Quellen belegte Fakten, dutzende Interviews mit Flüchtlingen und stellt so eine präzise chronologische Aufarbeitung des Regimes ber fast vier Jahrzehnte her. Das alles ist nicht unbedingt so aufbereitet, dass es dem Lesefluss frdert, wirkt teilweise bruchstückhaft und einige Interviews drehen sich sehr stark um die selben Themengebiete. Aber das sei auf Grund der schieren Flut an Informationen verziehen. Jeder Seite des Buches merkt man den enormen Rechercheaufwand des Autors an und was wir erfahren geht ber die gängigen Klischees ber Nordkorea hinaus und liefert ein sehr ambivalentes, widersprüchliches und teilweise dadurch noch weit schrecklicheres Bild von diesem Land und dem Schicksal seiner Menschen. Eine kleine Einschränkung zur Kaufempfehlung gibt es allerdings. Die letzten Kapitel des Buches enden im Jahre 2004 und die neuesten Entwicklungen samt der voraussichtlichen Machtübergabe an die nächste Dynastie sind in den Überlegungen des Autors folglich nicht vorhanden. Dennoch bietet das Buch einen rundherum gelungenen Überblick wie es zur der heutigen Situation in Nordkorea überhaupt kommen konnte und stellt eine Basisliteratur für alle interessierten Leser dar.

Kurzbeschreibung Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader offers in-depth portraits of North Korea's two ruthless and bizarrely Orwellian leaders, Kim Il-Sung and Kim Jong-Il. Lifting North Korea's curtain of self-imposed isolation, this book will take readers inside a society, that to a Westerner, will appear to be from another planet. Subsisting on a diet short on food grains and long on lies, North Koreans have been indoctrinated from birth to follow unquestioningly a father-son team of megalomaniacs. To North Koreans, the Kims are more than just leaders. Kim Il-Sung is the country's leading novelist, philosopher, historian, educator, designer, literary critic, architect, general, farmer, and ping-pong trainer. Radios are made so they can only be tuned to the official state frequency. "Newspapers" are filled with endless columns of Kim speeches and propaganda. And instead of Christmas, North Koreans celebrate Kim's birthday--and he presents each child a present, just like Santa. The regime that the Kim Dynasty has built remains technically at war with the United States nearly a half century after the armistice that halted actual fighting in the Korean War. This fascinating and complete history takes full advantage of a great deal of source material that has only recently become available (some from archives in Moscow and Beijing), and brings the reader up to the tensions of the current day. For as this book will explain, North Korea appears more and more to be the greatest threat among the Axis of Evil countries--with some defector testimony warning that Kim Jong-Il has enough chemical weapons to wipe out the entire population of South Korea. From Booklist Under different circumstances, North Korea could be the subject of a Marx Brothers satire, with the elements of a pompous, ego-driven patriarch, a worshipful population, and a general aura of fantasy and illusion. But North Korea has a superbly equipped million-man army and an expanding nuclear weapons program. So this comprehensive examination of this totalitarian society and the two men who have dominated it is often terrifying. For a quarter century, Martin has covered North Korea while working for the Baltimore Sun, the Asian Wall Street Journal, and Newsweek. Using newly available material from Russian and Chinese sources, Martin offers surprising insights into the career and character of both Kim Il-Sung and his son, Kim Jong-Il. He strives, albeit with moderate success, to unveil the reality from the mounds of myth and distortions with which both men have surrounded themselves. But Martin's account is most chilling in his descriptions of contemporary North Korean society. And yet, as Martin eloquently illustrates in this important book, the control of the Kim dynasty may well be tenuous. Jay Freeman Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen "Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader is, from all I have read, simply the best book ever written about North Korea. Relying largely on extensive interviews with defectors, Martin portrays North Korean life with a clarity that is stunning, and he captures the paradoxes in North Korean public opinion."--Nicholas D. Kristof, The New York Times "Martin's massive book provides as useful a set of insights into life in North Korea as can be found anywhere."- L.A. Times "As an AP correspondent covering South Korea in the 1970s, I learned quickly

how difficult it was to discover any reliable information about that secretive, threatening regime to the north. Brad Martin's book is testimony to the thoroughness of his work, and the high level of his ability as a journalist and researcher." North Korea is one of the least known, least understood countries in the world. Its leaders have always been enigmas, both frightening and fascinating, but almost impossible to decipher. Again today, it becomes vitally important that we do both, yet there is almost nothing of importance being written about the subject. Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader is important, as well as fascinating. The research is impeccable, the writing excellent. This is a major and timely contribution, and essential to anyone who hopes to deal sensibly with a vital region of the world." -Terry Anderson, former AP correspondent and author of Den of Lions"Brad Martin's Under the Loving Care of the Fatherly Leader, a careful, penetrating analysis of North Korea, is more than just a book. Given the levels of secrecy which surround the Pyongyang regime and the danger it poses to its neighbors, Martin has rendered a considerable service to us all." -bestselling author, David Halbertstam"Brad Martin's book on North Korea is at once enlightening and frightening. It is lucid in writing, balanced in analysis, and comprehensive in its meticulous research and anecdotal evidence. The detailed exposition of the narrow life of luxury and the devious character of the 'Dear Leader,' Kim Jong-il, is scary. So is the description of North Korea as a corrupt, secretive, stagnant fief of the Kim family. Brad Martin, with his long years as a Pyongyang-watcher, is eminently qualified to write a book that should strip away any illusions America and the West have about Kim's dangerous regime."-Richard Halloran, former correspondent for The New York Times in Asia and Washington, D.C.