



Korea

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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

Children's Books

Brother's Keeper

by Julie Lee

J F LEE

Twelve-year-old Sora and her eight-year-old brother, Youngsoo, must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime on their own in 1950. 314 pages

In the Shadow of the Sun

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

J F O'BRIEN

After their father is arrested while providing aid in North Korea, Mia and her older brother, Simon, need to flee the country after they find themselves in possession of photographs that can expose atrocities about the country's labor camps. 303 pages

Lia Park and the Missing Jewel

by Jenna Yoon

J F YOON

Twelve-year-old Lia Park must venture to the undersea kingdom of the Dragon King in Korea to save her parents from an evil diviner. 346 pages

When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

J NEWBERRY KELLER

Moving with her parents into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger, in a story inspired by Korean folktales. 297 pages

Young Adult Fiction

I Guess I Live Here Now

by Claire Ahn

YA F AHN

Sent from New York City to Seoul to be with her father, Melody discovers the alluring aspect of living in Korea with the help of her newfound friends but soon learns that her shiny new life comes with a high price. 408 pages

Wicked Fox

by Kat Cho

YA F CHO

After 18-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his. 424 pages

The Red Palace

by June Hur

YA F HUR

While investigating a series of grisly murders, 18-year-old palace nurse Hyeon navigates royal and political intrigue and becomes entangled with a young police inspector. 329 pages

And Break the Pretty Kings

by Lena Jeong

YA F JEONG

When the ceremony before Mirae's coronation ends in terror and death, it also unlocks a strange new power within her. Plagued by terrifying visions, she sets out on a journey with an unlikely group of companions to save her kingdom. 440 pages

Shine

by Jessica Jung

YA F JUNG

Seventeen-year-old Rachel Kim confronts the dark underbelly of the K-pop world as she strives to become a K-pop star. 346 pages

Flip the Script

by Lyla Lee

YA F LEE

To make the ratings of her K-drama skyrocket, the producers create a love triangle using Hana's former best friend and crush, and as they compete for the lead actor's affection on screen, they fall in love behind the scenes, which could end their careers. 291 pages

K-pop Confidential

by Stephan Lee

YA F LEE

Hiding a secret passion for singing beneath a veneer of an obedient straight-A student, Candace enters a K-pop audition on a dare before plunging headfirst into the grueling world of training and rehearsals, before a fellow trainee and a hot boy-band star challenge the strict no-dating rule. 323 pages

The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea

by Axie Oh

YA F OH

*In this retelling of the Korean legend, *The Tale of Shim Cheong*, 16-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms. 325 pages*

The Noh Family

by Grace Shim

YA F SHIM

Chloe Chang travels to Seoul to meet her deceased father's ultra-rich family, but there is a reason why her mom kept her away from the Nohs, and Chloe begins to wonder if her new family's intentions are pure. 378 pages

Idol Gossip

by Alexandra Leigh Young

YA F YOUNG

Offered a spot at the Star Academy, one of the biggest K-pop companies, 17-year-old singer Alice Choy must navigate culture clashes, egos and extreme training practices to come out on top, despite the efforts of an influential blogger trying to tear her down. 318 pages

Graphic Novels

True Beauty

by Yaongyi

YA COMICS YAONGYI

Once bullied for being perceived as ugly, young Jugyeong Lim uses online tutorials to transform into a beautiful popular girl. Caught in a love triangle between a mystery man and a bad boy, Jugyeong navigates high school and her personal life while her self-esteem, romantic life, and school life are constantly in flux. 283 pages

Bride of the Water God

by Mi-gyöng Yun

YA COMICS YUN

Soah's impoverished village sacrifices her in order to appease the water God, Habaek, and end a drought. Much to Soah's surprise, she is rescued by Habaek. 184 pages

Almost American Girl

by Robin Ha

YA COMICS BIO HA

A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how the arts can save a life. 227 pages

Banned Book Club

by Hyun Sook Kim

YA COMICS BIO KIM

The autobiography of a South Korean woman's student days under an authoritarian regime, and how she defied state censorship. 198 pages

Cook Korean!

by Robin Ha

GRAPHIC NOVELS 641.5951 HAR

An introduction to the basics of Korean cooking in graphic novel form, with 64 recipes, ingredient profiles, and more, presented through light-hearted comics. 175 pages

Nonfiction

The Birth of Korean Cool

by Euny Hong

306.0951 HON

Euny Hong reveals how a really uncool country became cool, and how a nation that once banned mini-skirts, long hair on men, and rock 'n' roll could come to mass produce boy bands, soap operas, and the world's most popular smartphone. 267 pages

↓ The Aquariums of Pyongyang

by Ch'ör-hwan Kang

365.4509 KAN

Kang was nine years old when imprisoned at the Yodok camp in 1977. Over 10 years, he endured inhumane conditions and deprivations, including an inadequate diet (supplemented by frogs and rats), regular beatings, humiliations, and hard labor. 238 pages

Korean Stories for Language Learners

by Julie Damron

495.7 DAM

Introduces 42 traditional Korean folktales with bilingual Korean and English versions. The book can be used by anyone wishing to learn about Korean folktales and traditional Korean culture, or as a reader in first- and second-year Korean language courses. 222 pages

Korean Folktales for Language Learners

by Sukyeon Cho

495.7824 CHO

Korean Folktales for Language Learners introduces 36 traditional Korean folktales in parallel Korean and English versions along with detailed notes and exercises aimed at beginning/intermediate language learners. 239 pages

My Korea

by Hooni Kim

641.5951 KIM

The debut cookbook from the Michelin-star chef known for defining Korean food in America. Hooni Kim is a chef who cooks with jung sung, heart and devotion. My Korea embraces his gastronomic heritage. 352 pages

The Korean Vegan Cookbook

by Joanne Lee Molinaro

641.5951 LEE

Korean plant-based eating is not a new idea: vegan cuisine prepared by Korean Buddhist monks has been around for more than a thousand years. Lee Molinaro shares recipes (and narrative snapshots) of the food that shaped her family history--with a plant-based take. 335 pages

The New Koreans

by Michael Breen

951.904 BRE

Provides a wide overview of how Korea (as a whole and divided) has evolved overtime, including history, how the country has built its wealth, politics and power struggles, and finally where the nation is headed. 462 pages

Ghost Flames

by Charles Hanley

951.9042 HAN

Hanley tells the history of the Korean War through the eyes of 21 individuals -- soldiers and civilians, male and female, young and old, witnesses both to atrocity and to heroism. The narrative unfolds in interwoven episodes, month by month, from the hilltop trench lines, the refugee camps, and the prisoner-of-war camps. 504 pages

The Korean War

by Haruki Wada

951.9042 WAD

Drawing on archival and other primary sources in Russia, China, the United States, South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan, the author moves beyond national histories to provide the first comprehensive understanding of the Korean War as an international conflict from the perspective of all the major players. 381 pages

The Hermit King

by Chung Min Lee

951.93 LEE

Throughout the world, oppressive regimes are being uprooted and replaced by budding democracies, but one exception remains: The People's Republic of North Korea. Asian geopolitical expert Chung Min Lee tells the story of the rise of the Kim Dynasty and its atrocities, motivations, and diplomatic goals. He also discusses the possible outcomes of its aggressive standoff with the world superpowers. 290 pages

Nothing to Envy

by Barbara Demick

951.9305 DEM

Follows the lives of six North Koreans over 15 years, the chaotic period that saw the rise to power of Kim Jong Il and the devastation of a famine that killed one-fifth of the population, illustrating what it means to live under the most oppressive totalitarian regime today. 314 pages

The Sister

by Sung-yoon Lee

951.9305 LEE

Recent years have seen the dramatic rise of a young woman called Kim Yo Jong in North Korea. Stomping on the world stage from the shadows of her secretive state, she is creating headlines and fevered speculation about her role and her future. She is the sister of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. 290 pages

The Rebel and the Kingdom

by Bradley Hope

BIO HONG

After reading a harrowing account of life inside North Korea, Adrian Hong realized he had found a cause so pressing that he was ready to devote his life to it. What began as a trip down the safe and well-worn path of organizing soon morphed into something more dangerous. This is an exhilarating account of a man who turns his back on the status quo to live boldly by his principles. 242 pages

Dear Leader

by Jin-Sung Jang

BIO JANG

In this rare insider's view into contemporary North Korea, a high-ranking counterintelligence agent describes his life as a former poet laureate to Kim Jong Il and his breathtaking escape to freedom. 339 pages

Under the Same Sky

by Joseph Kim

BIO KIM

An inspirational memoir chronicling the life of Joseph Kim, who not only survived and escaped the devastating famine in North Korea as an abandoned young boy, but made it to the United States and is now thriving in college. 274 pages

Without You, There is No Us

by Suki Kim

BIO KIM

A memoir of teaching English to the sons of North Korea's ruling class during the last six months of Kim Jong Il's reign. 291 pages

Every Falling Star

by Sungju Lee

YA BIO LEE

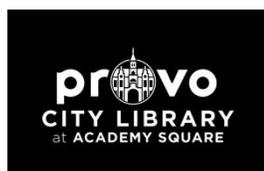
The memoir of Sungju, who grew up in North Korea and, at the age of 12, was forced to live on the streets and fend for himself after his parents disappeared. Finally, after years of being homeless and living with a gang, Sungju is reunited with his maternal grandparents and, eventually, his father. 314 pages

Escape from Camp 14

by Blaine Harden

BIO SHIN

Twenty-six years ago, Shin Dong-hyuk was born inside Camp 14, one of five sprawling political prisons in the mountains of North Korea. This is the gripping, terrifying story of his escape from this no-exit prison to freedom in South Korea. 205 pages



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