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# **Kim Jong Il North Koreas Dear Leader**

*In the first decade of the 21st century,  
few national security challenges  
facing the United States is as vexing  
as that posed by North Korea. It is a*

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*paradox because it appears to be a very powerful state-possessing the world's fourth largest armed forces, a sizeable arsenal of ballistic missiles, and a worrying nuclear program-but it is also an economic basket case in terms of agricultural output,*

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*industrial production, and foreign trade exports. Virtually every aspect of the Pyongyang regime is mysterious and puzzling. In short, North Korea is difficult for Americans to understand and analyze, beginning with confusion*

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*about what kind of political system North Korea has and what kind of man leads it. The author explores Pyongyang's political dynamics and seeks to shed light on the political system of North Korea and its leader. How has North Korea sought to*

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*normalize diplomatic relations with the US? Explaining the continuities between the Kim Jong-un and Kim Jong-il governments, as well as the discontinuities, especially the decisive move towards brinkmanship under Kim Jong-un culminating in 2017 and*

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*un replaced his father to become the leader of North Korea, and provides detailed analysis of both presidencies, concluding with a study of the two bilateral summits held with President Donald Trump. Showing how weaker powers can try to achieve their main*



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*foreign policy goals with respect to great powers, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of the international relations of East Asia, US Foreign Policy, Korean Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis. It should also prove relevant to those*

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*studying international bargaining and negotiation.*

*An inside study of North Korea exposes the dangers this highly volatile country continues to pose to the world order, and the internal chaos, blind faith, rampant*

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*corruption, and terrifying cruelty of its rulers.*

*The outside world calls North Korea a “military society” as it imposes militaristic totalitarianism on its people. A prime example of such military structures is the local people’s*

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*neighborhood unit system, which places greater focus on keeping an eye on the people than on bringing greater convenience to their everyday lives. With a growing number of people deserting state institutions after the Arduous March, Pyongyang has*

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*been trying to control North Koreans by further reinforcing the neighborhood unit system as it now is harder to control them through their respective workplaces. The local people's neighborhood unit system in the North is comprised of two key*

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*elements: the heads of the people's neighborhood units and householder units. The former serves as the watchdog of all residents in a given building; the latter controls and watches the husbands only.*

**CHAPTER 1: Life in North Korea 1.**

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*Local people's neighborhood unit system in North Korea 2. North Korea's unequal structure reflected in the distribution system 3. Rampant class-based discrimination 4. North Koreans - never free to date or drink 5. When will the North Korean*

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*subway come “Aboveground”*

*CHAPTER 2: Social trends 1. North  
Korea at war against the market 2.*

*“Brave Guys” in North Korea 3. Signs  
of change driven by the people*

*4. “Suryng-centeredness” as a religion  
of North Korea 5. Scientific*



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*development breaking through North  
Korea's closed-door politics*

*CHAPTER 3: Power elites 1. License  
plates as a reflection of authorities'  
pecking order 2. Kim Jong-un's  
"Physical Contact Politics" 3. Kim  
Jong-un mimics his father's*

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*“Ratification Politics” 4. Three  
obstacles facing Kim Jong-un’s  
succession of power*

*Kim Jong Il to Kim Jong Un  
Secretive North Korean Leader  
Supreme Leader of North Korea  
Kim Jong Il*

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*The Quest for Normalization?*

*The Future of North Korea's Kim  
Jong Il Regime*

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while still ensuring stability and security on the Korean Peninsula- and in Northeast Asia as a whole- has proved very challenging for successive American administrations. In the wake of ruler Kim Jong-il's death in December

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2011, analysts and policymakers continue to speculate about the effect his last years as leader will have on the future of North Korea. Bruce Bechtol, Jr. contends that Kim Jong-il's regime (1994-2011) exacerbated the threats that North

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Korea posed, and still poses, to the world. Bechtol explains how North Korea presents important challenges on five key fronts: its evolving conventional military threat, its strategy in the Northern Limit Line (NLL) area, its nuclear

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capabilities, its support for terrorism, and its handling of the succession process. Bechtol's analysis clears up the persistent mystery of how Kim Jong-il's dysfunctional government in its final years was able to persist in power

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while both presenting a grave danger to its neighbors and setting the stage for the current government. This work addresses issues important for policymakers and academics who must deal with those in power in North Korea.

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In 2017 the secretive Asian country of North Korea publicly demonstrated its arsenal of new bombs, missiles, and cyber and chemical weapons. For years, North Korea had isolated itself from the rest of the world. When dictator

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Kim Jong Un began to reach out to international leaders in early 2018, media around the world wondered why. Readers will be intrigued by the story of the mysterious dictator, who came to power after his father died in 2011 and has been making



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international headlines ever since. No country is as misunderstood as North Korea, and no modern tyrant has remained more mysterious than the Dear Leader, Kim Jong Il. Now, celebrity ghostwriter Michael Malice pulls back the curtain to

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expose the life story of the "Incarnation of Love and Morality." Taken directly from books spirited out of Pyongyang, DEAR READER is a carefully reconstructed first-person account of the man behind the mythology. From his miraculous

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rainbow-filled birth during the fiery conflict of World War II, Kim Jong Il watched as his beloved Korea finally earned its freedom from the cursed Japanese. Mere years later, the wicked US imperialists took their chance at conquering the

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liberated nation—with devastating results. But that's only the beginning of the Dear Leader's story. In DEAR READER, Kim Jong Il explains:

- \*How he can shrink time
- \*Why he despises the Mona Lisa
- \*How he recreated the arts in Korea

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\*Why the Juche idea is the greatest concept ever discovered by man

\*How he handled the crippling famine \*Why Kim Jong Un was chosen as successor over his elder brothers With nothing left uncovered, drawing straight from

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dozens of books, hundreds of articles and thousands of years of Korean history, DEAR READER is both the definitive account of Kim Jong Il's life and the complete stranger-than-fiction history of the world's most unique country.

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Under the Loving Care of the  
Fatherly Leader

The Story of North Korea Told by a  
North Korean Refugee

Kim Jong Il's North Korea

The Extraordinary True Story of a  
Kidnapped Filmmaker, His Star

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Actress, and a Young Dictator's  
Rise to Power  
How North Koreans See  
Themselves and Why It Matters  
Kim Jong Il's North Korea (Revised  
Edition)

*Kim Jong Il came to*



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*power after the death of his father Kim Il Sung in 1994. Contrary to expectations, he has succeeded in maintaining enough political stability to remain in*

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*power. Kim Jong Il's  
Leadership of North  
Korea is an examination  
of how political power  
has been developed,  
transmitted from father  
to son, and now operates*

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*in North Korea Using a  
variety of original  
North Korean sources as  
well as South Korean  
materials Jae-Cheon Lim  
pieces together the  
ostensibly contradictory*

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*and inconsistent facts  
into a conceptual  
coherent framework. This  
book considers Kim and  
his leadership through  
an analytical framework.  
composed of four main*

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*elements: i) Kim as a leader of a totalitarian society; ii) as a politician; iii) as a Korean; and iv) as an individual person. This illuminating account of*

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*what constitutes power  
and how it is used makes  
an important  
contribution to the  
understanding of an  
opaque and difficult  
regime. It will be of*

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*interest for upper level  
undergraduate,  
postgraduates and  
academics interested in  
North Korean politics,  
and also those in  
Political theory.*

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*When Kim Jong Un became the leader of North Korea following his father's death in 2011, predictions about his imminent fall were rife. North Korea was*



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to feed its people, and  
clinging to its nuclear  
program for legitimacy.  
But he has solidified  
his grip on his country  
and brought the U.S. and*

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of war. Pak, a former  
CIA analyst, provides a  
groundbreaking account  
of the rise of North  
Korea's dictator from  
his nuclear ambitions to*

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*his summits with  
President Donald J.  
Trump. She argues that  
Kim's personality,  
perceptions, and  
preferences are  
underestimated by*

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*Washington policy wonks  
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pharmaceuticals. But the*

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crime family -- it  
possesses a massive  
conventional military  
force as well as  
significant strategic  
forces. Moreover, the*

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*regime continues to  
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starve North Koreans,  
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various regime types and  
authority structures.  
Pyongyang is a highly  
centralized and  
militarized bureaucratic  
regime organized around*

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*an all-powerful leader. This monograph examines the leader and the system, and identifies the regime type. The author contends that the North Korean political*

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*system is best conceived  
as a totalitarian regime  
that, although weakened,  
remains remarkably  
resilient. After  
analyzing the key  
elements of*



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*totalitarianism, he argues that the system's greatest test will probably come after the death of Kim Jong Il. While the totalitarian regime may not long*

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*survive Kim's passing,  
one cannot assume that  
the system will  
collapse. Rather, the  
end of totalitarianism  
may simply mean that the  
DPRK will enter a new*

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*"post-totalitarian"  
phase similar to the  
paths taken by other  
communist systems such  
as the Soviet Union and  
China. While the latter  
term may be a good fit*

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*to describe China's political system in the 1990s and first decade of the 21st century, it seems inaccurate to describe North Korea. North Korea has not*

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*undergone any process of "de-Kimification": Kim Il Sung remains a deity in 21st century North Korea and criticism or reappraisal is unthinkable. Moreover,*

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*no one has contemplated  
criticizing or  
challenging his legacy  
because, by all  
accounts, he remains  
universally revered by  
DPRK citizens, including*

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*defectors. Furthermore,  
any official  
reevaluation of Kim Il  
Sung is extremely  
unlikely because the  
regime is currently led  
by Kim's son. The most*

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*accurate way to  
characterize North Korea  
today is as an eroding  
totalitarian regime.  
While totalitarianism is  
a powerful and  
intimidating system, it*



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*places tremendous strain  
on a state and a society-  
demanding constant  
activity and  
mobilization of  
personnel and  
exploitation of*

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*resources. The costs of  
maintaining heightened  
ideological  
indoctrination, an ever-  
vigilant coercive  
apparatus, and a large  
national defense*

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*organization are high  
and ultimately  
debilitating. To  
maintain this for  
decades results in  
fatigue and burnout.  
Eventually leaders and*

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*followers reach a point where both are physically and mentally exhausted, and the country's infrastructure and resources become devastated. North*

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*Korea's elite and ordinary people appear to be approaching this point. But this fatigue and burnout does not appear to produce much in the way of protest or*

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*dissent, let alone  
revolt; most likely the  
majority of people in  
North Korea are simply  
too tired to do much  
more than focus their  
time and energy on*

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*providing for the basic  
needs of their families.*

*Kim Jong Un*

*Becoming Kim Jong Un*

*Kim Jong-il's Leadership  
of North Korea*

*Kim Jong Il and the*

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*Looming Threat of North  
Korea*

*Kim Jong-il: North  
Korea's Dear Leader,  
Revised and Updated  
Edition*

*A Kim Jong-Il Production*

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"This book provides broad, deep insight into how North Korea calculates, balances, and addresses key policy challenges. The authors-Korean, European, and American-have extensive experience in North Korea and

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with North Koreans, crucial to addressing the myths and misconceptions about how the North functions and perceives the world"--

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The author seeks to assist planners and decisionmakers in thinking about and preparing for

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possible future contingencies concerning North Korea. He does not dwell on war or conflict scenarios involving North Korea because military planners have already focused considerable effort and attention on these. It

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is entirely possible that the fate of the country as a political, territorial, and juridical entity is intimately bound up with the fate of the Kim Jong Il regime, but one should not assume this to be so. In other words, the

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collapse of the Kim regime may not lead to the collapse of North Korea as a state. Moreover, one should not assume that even if the regime collapse is followed by state collapse that these events would inexorably lead to



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Korean unification.

After providing an accessible history of the nation, the author turns his focus to what North Korea is, what its leadership thinks and how its people cope with living in such an oppressive

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and poor place, arguing that North Korea is not irrational, but rather a nation that has survived against all odds.

North Korea's Dear Leader  
Kim Il-sung, Kim Jong-il and Kim  
Jong-un

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The Leader and the System  
My Escape from North Korea  
The Kim Jong Il Regime in North  
Korea  
The Education of Kim Jong-Un  
Kim Jong-il has been the subject  
of intense interest and fear in

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recent months. He has been demonised as 'Dr Evil' for his nuclear programme which puts Korea on a collision course with the US. For this reason, the world has a stake in understanding this man and his

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little-known country. This account aims to tell the compelling story of Kim Jong-il and the country he leads, exploring the pressing question of how he manages to hold onto power in a country that is

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ravaged by famine and poverty. Unravelling the myths, mysteries, and fallacies that surround this small, desperate country, this fascinating story includes rare photos of Kim Jong-il and his brutal regime.

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This book analyses North Korea's foreign policy towards the United States during the Kim Jong Il era. Throughout these years, North Korea sought but failed to normalise diplomatic relations with the United States.

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Making use of theories of bargaining and learning in International Relations, the book explains how the inability of the Kim Jong Il government to correctly understand domestic politics in Washington and



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developments in East Asian international relations contributed to this failure. As a result, Pyongyang accelerated development of nuclear weapons programme with the aim of strengthening its negotiating

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position with the US. However, towards the end of the Kim Jong Il government it became unclear whether North Korea is willing to reverse its nuclear programme in exchange for normal diplomatic relations with the United States.

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The book includes material from over 60 interviews with American, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian policy-makers and experts who have dealt with North Korea. It also analyses in detail Pyongyang's

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official media articles published during the Kim Jong Il era. This work will be of great interest to students and scholars of US Foreign Policy, Korean Politics and International Relations alike. North Korea has been a

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communist dictatorship since shortly after the end of World War II. Ruled by the iron hand of Kim Il Sung, the nation struggled economically compared to South Korea, which engineered an economic miracle. Kim died in

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1994, turning over the government to his son, Kim Jong Il. A pampered youth, Kim Jong Il gradually took over a variety of powerful positions in his father's government. After he became the dictator, the country suffered

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a series of economic disasters that brought death to thousands of people. Meanwhile, Kim Jong Il became widely known for turning North Korea into a nuclear power. During the early 21st century, President George

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W. Bush labeled North Korea part of the Axis of Evil. But some experts on North Korea believe that Kim is simply using the nuclear card to gain worldwide respect and economic aid from the United States. Nevertheless,



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Kim Jong Il remains a highly controversial leader.

In Exit Emperor Kim Jong-il, authors John H. Cha and K. J. Sohn present a compelling portrait of two men caught up in a struggle for the survival of

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North Korean society. The product of an eight-year study of individuals who observed and worked under Kim Jong-il, the dictator of North Korea for over thirty years, this biography provides insight into the Kim's

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family corruption of power. The story is told through the eyes of Hwang Jang-yop, a renowned philosopher and writer, former International Secretariat of North Korea, and mentor to Kim Jong-il. It narrates Hwang's journey in

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his battle against Kim's greed for power. It reveals a three-dimensional portrait of Kim Jong-il rarely chronicled, from Kim's early days and rise to power to his economic crisis and his continual power struggle. As well

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as recording the life of Kim, Exit Emperor Kim Jong-il recounts Hwang's defection from North Korea so he could tell the world about the corrupt dictatorship and its policies that he felt were responsible for the massive

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famine in North Korea. Through testimonies from Hwang and other defectors from North Korea, this biography reveals what was going on inside the man, Kim Jong-il, and the society he ruled.

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North Korea's Foreign Policy  
under Kim Jong Il

North Korea - US Relations

Kim Jong Il and North Korea  
Dear Leader

Regime Dynamics, Negotiation,  
and Engagement

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### The North Korean Threat in a Changing Era

Introduces readers to the political career of North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. Engaging infographics, thought-provoking discussion questions, and eye-



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catching photos give the reader an invaluable look into North Korea and the office of its current leader.

Kim Jong-II, Revised and Updated  
Kim Jong-il: North Korea's Dear Leader, Revised

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and Updated Edition John Wiley  
& Sons

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

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Jong-II. 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,

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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



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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.

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The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) joined the rank of nuclear powers in October 2006 after exploding its first nuclear device. The test was not fully successful yet it unequivocally demonstrated

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North Korea's nuclear weapons capability. North Korea under the leadership of Kim Jong-il remains as unpredictable and mysterious as ever. This comprehensive study brings together leading scholars in the

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field to examine the country's current foreign policy under Kim Jong-il as well as its bilateral relations with the USA, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea.  
Rogue Regime  
Kim Jong Il

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Uneasy, Shaky Kim Jong-il  
Regime

The Unauthorized Autobiography  
of Kim Jong Il

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The Cleanest Race

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carefully considering the position and importance of cinematic art in the revolution and construction, dear Comrade Kim Jong Il wrote the treatise "Theory of Cinematic Art" which clarifies the theoretical and practical problems of

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cinematic art as a whole. This treatise gives a comprehensive and detailed account of all the aspects of creating and developing this form of art, such as life and literature, the cinema and directing, the character and the

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actor, images and shooting, the screen and fine art, scenery and music, art and creative work creation and guidance and so on. We are publishing "The Cinema and Directing" to follow "Life and Literature" from this



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"Theory of Cinematic Art" in a number of languages.

Explains North Korean history, how the dictator came to power, and what life is like for North Koreans under his regime.

North Korea's opaqueness

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combined with its military capabilities make the country and its leader dangerous wild cards in the international community.

Brookings Senior Fellow Jung H. Pak, who led the U.S. intelligence community's analysis on Korean

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issues, tells the story of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's upbringing, provides insight on his decision-making, and makes recommendations on how to thwart Kim's ambitions. In her deep analysis of the personality of

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the North Korean leader, Pak makes clearer the reasoning behind the way he governs and conducts his foreign affairs.

The 2018 summit meeting between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un brought renewed international

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attention to North Korea and its leading dynasty. Ruled by three successive generations of the Kim family, North Korea is one of the most authoritarian states in the world. This collection of articles covers the history of their dynasty,

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including Kim Il-sung's assumption of power in the wake of World War II, the intense cult of personality surrounding him that followed, and the twice-over handoff of power from father to son, first to Kim Jong-il and later

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to Kim Jong-un. This in-depth coverage presents a tale of human rights abuses, famine, and nuclearization at the hands of three eccentric, unpredictable, and fiercely nationalistic dictators. North Korea and the Kim

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Dynasty

Understanding Kim Jong-un's  
North Korea

Exit Emperor Kim Jong-il

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Kim Jong Il

***Kim Jong Il, one of the world's most infamous dictators, rose to power in the mid-1990s in the small East Asian country of North Korea. He succeeded his father, Kim Il Sung, as that nation's leader. Kim Il***

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***Sung took power in North Korea-also known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK-in 1948, and eventually established a state governed by his own version of Communism. Today Kim Jong Il continues his***

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***father's tactics of building a powerful cult of personality around himself, while crushing criticism and opposition to his rule. These practices by both Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il have largely cut off the DPRK from the***

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***outside world. The Kim leaders' harsh policies have led to tragedy within the nation, contributing to devastating famine and creating a network of labor camps in which many North Koreans are tortured and***

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***killed annually. Kim's secrecy and his strict control of information entering or leaving North Korea have also made the nation a largely mysterious place. In Kim Jong Il's North Korea, learn more about this inscrutable nation***

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*and its dictator.*

*What happens when a dictator  
wins absolute power and  
isolates a nation from the  
outside world? In a nightmare  
of political theory stretched to  
madness and come to life,  
North Korea's Kim Jong Il*

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***made himself into a living god, surrounded by lies and flattery and beyond criticism. As over two million of his subjects starved to death, Kim Jong Il roamed between palaces staffed by beautiful girls and stocked with***

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***expensive international delicacies. Outside, the steel mills shut down, the trains stopped running, the power went out, and the hospitals ran out of medicine. When the population threatened to revolt, Kim imposed a reign of***



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***terror, deceived the United Nations, and plundered the country's dwindling resources to become a nuclear power. Now this tiny bankrupt nation is using her nuclear capability to blackmail the United States. Veteran correspondent***

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***Jasper Becker takes us inside one of the most secretive countries in the world, exposing the internal chaos, blind faith, rampant corruption, and terrifying cruelty of its rulers. Becker details the vain efforts to***

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***change North Korea by actors inside and outside the country and the dangers this highly volatile country continues to pose. This unique land, ruled by one family's megalomania and paranoia, seems destined to survive and linger on, a***

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***menace to its own people and to the rest of the world. But should the nations of the world allow this regime to survive? That's the question with which this book concludes.***

***"Provocative ... A fascinating***

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***analysis." –Dwight Garner,  
The New York Times The first  
full-length study of the North  
Korean worldview to draw on  
extensive research into the  
regime's domestic  
propaganda, including films,  
romance novels and other***

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***artifacts of the Kim dynasty  
personality cult ... What do  
the North Koreans really  
believe? How do they see  
themselves and the world  
around them? From Kim Il-  
sung to Kim Jong-il to current  
leader Kim Jong-un, it's been***

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***hard to define a consistent ideology amongst North Korea's Supreme Leaders. But you can reach a more profound understanding of North Korea through its propaganda, says renown North Korea analyst, and***

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***Atlantic contributing editor  
B.R. Myers. Myers analyzes  
each of the country's official  
myths in turn, from the notion  
of Koreans' unique moral  
purity, to the myth of an  
America quaking in terror of  
"the Iron General." In a***



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***concise but groundbreaking historical section, Myers also traces the origins of this official culture back to the Japanese fascist thought in which North Korea's first ideologues were schooled. What emerges is a regime***

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***completely unlike the West's perception of it. This is neither a bastion of Stalinism nor a Confucian patriarchy, but a paranoid, nationalist, "military-first" state on the far right of the ideological spectrum. Since support for***

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***the North Koriean regime now derives almost exclusively from pride in North Korean military might, Myers argues that Pyongyang can neither be cajoled nor bullied into giving up its nuclear program. The implications for Western***

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***foreign policty – which has hiterhto treated North Korea as the last outpost of the Cold War – are as obvious as they are troubling.***

***Much hyperbole surrounds the political regime in the Democratic People's Republic***

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***of Korea (DPRK, or North Korea). Many analysts argue that North Korea is a unique political system. What kind of regime is the DPRK, and what kind of leader does it have? A variety of labels are given to the North Korean regime.***

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***These include likening the regime to an organized crime family and to a corporatist organism. There are certainly merits to each of these approaches, but each has its limitations. Pyongyang does share some of the attributes***

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***of organized crime and certainly engages in criminal activity in a systematic and calculating manner. This pattern of illicit behavior includes the production and distribution of narcotics as well as the counterfeiting of***

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***foreign currencies, cigarettes, and pharmaceuticals. But the DPRK is more than a crime family—it possesses a massive conventional military force as well as significant strategic forces. Moreover, the regime continues to brainwash,***



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***imprison, or starve North Koreans, inflicting untold misery and death on its people. Corporatism, meanwhile, may provide insights into certain aspects of the system, but its utility is limited by the confusion that***

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***surrounds understanding of this concept. Certainly North Korea is distinct politically, but it also has significant commonalities with various regime types and authority structures. Pyongyang is a highly centralized and***

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***militarized bureaucratic regime organized around an all-powerful leader. This monograph examines the leader and the system, and identifies the regime type. The author contends that the North Korean political system***

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***is best conceived as a totalitarian regime that, although weakened, remains remarkably resilient. After analyzing the key elements of totalitarianism, he argues that the system's greatest test will probably come after the***

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***death of Kim Jong Il. While the totalitarian regime may not long survive Kim's passing, one cannot assume that the system will collapse. Rather, the end of totalitarianism may simply mean that the DPRK will enter a new "post-***

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***totalitarian” phase similar to the paths taken by other communist systems such as the Soviet Union and China. While the latter term may be a good fit to describe China's political system in the 1990s and first decade of the 21st***

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***century, it seems inaccurate to describe North Korea. North Korea has not undergone any process of “de-Kimification”: Kim Il Sung remains a deity in 21st century North Korea and criticism or reappraisal is***

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***unthinkable. Moreover, no one has contemplated criticizing or challenging his legacy because, by all accounts, he remains universally revered by DPRK citizens, including defectors. Furthermore, any official***



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***reevaluation of Kim Il Sung is extremely unlikely because the regime is currently led by Kim's son. The most accurate way to characterize North Korea today is as an eroding totalitarian regime.  
An Arduous March***

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***Kim Jong Il's the Cinema and  
Directing***

***A Former CIA Officer's  
Insights Into North Korea's  
Enigmatic Young Dictator  
Dear Reader***

***The Last Days of Kim Jong-il  
Life and Politics in the Failed***

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## ***Stalinist Utopia***

*"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*

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*escape to freedom. "The General will now enter the room." Everyone turns to stone. Not moving my head, I direct my eyes to a point halfway up the archway where Kim Jong-il's face will soon appear... As North Korea's*

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*State Poet Laureate, Jang  
Jin-sung led a charmed life.  
With food provisions (even  
as the country suffered  
through its great famine), a  
travel pass, access to  
strictly censored  
information, and audiences*

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*with Kim Jong-il himself,  
his life in Pyongyang seemed  
safe and secure. But this  
privileged existence was  
about to be shattered. When  
a strictly forbidden  
magazine he lent to a friend  
goes missing, Jang Jin-sung*

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*must flee for his life.  
Never before has a member of  
the elite described the  
inner workings of this  
totalitarian state and its  
propaganda machine. An  
astonishing expose; told  
through the heart-stopping*

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*story of Jang Jin-sung's  
escape to South Korea, Dear  
Leader is a rare and  
unprecedented insight into  
the world's most secretive  
and repressive regime"--  
\*Includes pictures \*Includes  
online resources and a*



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*bibliography for further  
reading "When General Kim  
Jong-il was born, the clouds  
opened up, and he came down  
from heaven, and then there  
was a huge snowstorm! When  
General Kim Jong-il shouts  
out loud, storms always*

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*happen, huge storms always  
happen!" - "Dear Leader," a  
state-issued anthem  
dedicated to Kim Jong-il  
North Korea has long been  
the butt of jokes, and it  
has been a longstanding  
target of international*

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*criticism, but the startling  
satellite image was anything  
but amusing, for it  
demonstrated the truly  
catastrophic conditions  
North Koreans find  
themselves in. Statistics  
show that the average South*

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*Korean uses up to 10,162  
kilowatt hours of power per  
year, whereas their  
neighbors in the north  
consume only 739. This is  
only one amongst a slew of  
stumbling blocks affecting  
the state, impeding it from*

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*proper progress. The mismatching network of sprawling, yet lifeless cities and squalid, poverty-stricken provinces stands eerily silent next to the bustling metropolises on either side of it. North*

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*Korea is trapped in an impenetrable, soundproof bubble, the entire state frozen in time.*

*Notwithstanding a fractional sliver of the capital, where the Supreme Commander and the North Korean elites*

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*resided, the faded Pyongyang skyline and its blocky, monotone buildings - while a vast improvement from the rest of the state - seemed to be lifted straight out of the '70s at best. So why is North Korea so starkly*

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*different from its neighbors  
when nothing more but mere  
borders separate them? A  
tyrannical lineage secured  
by nepotism. An entire  
nation indoctrinated by  
chilling, mindboggling  
propaganda, molded by fear*



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*and forced ignorance. Mass purges doled out seemingly on whims, without fair trials. Unparalleled paranoia and cold-blooded assassinations left and right, seemingly around every curve and corner. An*

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*impoverished sphere of  
barren wastelands inhabited  
by malnourished masses,  
orbiting a world glittering  
with the gross opulence and  
superfluous riches of the  
elite. These sound like the  
elements of a particularly*

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*perilous period of autocracy  
enforced by some mad monarch  
of a bygone era, or perhaps  
a generic blurb for a far-  
fetched thriller set in a  
dystopian future. Alas, the  
description matches the  
modern state of North Korea*

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*almost flawlessly. To say that the so-called "Supreme Commanders" of North Korea have been sticklers for submission would trivialize the more-than-troubling state of affairs that has plagued this precarious*

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*place for decades. The fearsome Kim regime, though relatively fresh in comparison to powerful dynasties that lasted for centuries, has become one of history's most controversial bloodlines, and not without*

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*cause. After his father, Kim Il-sung, Kim Jong-il was the second of the despotic Kims that have terrorized North Korea for decades. While lampooned widely across the West, Kim Jong-il, a fan of cinema, all but mastered the*

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*art of propaganda in North  
Korea to heighten his image.  
A clip from a quirky North  
Korean children's show that  
has recently emerged went so  
far as to depict his  
supernatural birth in  
question. A bespectacled man*

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*sporting a Mister Rogers-  
esque mustard sweater and a  
wispy, peppered beard can be  
seen surrounded by a group  
of kindergarteners who  
appear to be captivated by  
the eccentric narrator's  
every word. He tells them*



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*about the "Great General  
from Heaven," who was born  
on what the locals call the  
"sacred Mount Paektu," the  
tallest cluster of mountain  
ranges on the entire Korean  
peninsula with its  
staggering height of 9,000*

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*ft. Kim Jong-il: The  
Controversial Life and  
Legacy of North Korea's  
Second Supreme Leader  
analyzes the known and  
unknown about the despised  
despot. Along with pictures  
depicting important people,*

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*places, and events, you will learn about Kim Jong-il like never before.*

*Supreme leader of North Korea from 1994 to 2011, Kim Jong Il was the second Kim to rule North Korea, after the death of his father, Kim*

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*Il-Sung. Facing devastating famine and natural disasters in the 1990s, Kim broke slightly with his father in opening up North Korea to free markets. These gestures of economic reform mirror China's during the late*

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*1980s, according to the Council on Foreign Relations. This compelling book provides a sharp look at Kim Jong Il. Chapters include a profile of his reign's controversies and contradictions, an*

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*examination of privilege and power, a look at the two sides of Kim, and a meditation on Kim's legacy. Before becoming the world's most notorious dictator, Kim Jong-Il ran North Korea's Ministry for Propaganda and*

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*its film studios. Conceiving every movie made, he acted as producer and screenwriter. Despite this control, he was underwhelmed by the available talent and took drastic steps, ordering the kidnapping of Choi Eun-*

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*Hee (Madam Choi)—South Korea's most famous actress—and her ex-husband Shin Sang-Ok, the country's most famous filmmaker. Madam Choi vanished first. When Shin went to Hong Kong to investigate, he was attacked*



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*and woke up wrapped in plastic sheeting aboard a ship bound for North Korea. Madam Choi lived in isolated luxury, allowed only to attend the Dear Leader's dinner parties. Shin, meanwhile, tried to escape,*

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*was sent to prison camp, and "re-educated." After four years he cracked, pledging loyalty. Reunited with Choi at the first party he attends, it is announced that the couple will remarry and act as the Dear Leader's*

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*film advisors. Together they made seven films, in the process gaining Kim Jong-Il's trust. While pretending to research a film in Vienna, they flee to the U.S. embassy and are swept to safety. A nonfiction*

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*thriller packed with  
tension, passion, and  
politics, author Paul  
Fischer's A Kim Jong-Il  
Production offers a rare  
glimpse into a secretive  
world, illuminating a  
fascinating chapter of North*

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*Korea's history that helps  
explain how it became the  
hermetically sealed,  
intensely stage-managed  
country it remains today.  
Kim Jong Il's Leadership of  
North Korea  
The Controversial Life and*

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*Legacy of North Korea's*

*Second Supreme Leader*

*The Real North Korea*

*North Korea*

*North Korea's Supreme*

*Leaders*

*Kim Jong Il and North Korea:*

*The Leader and the System*