

# HISTORY

## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### July's Topic: Korean History

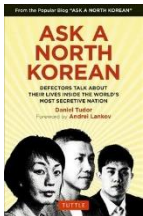
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

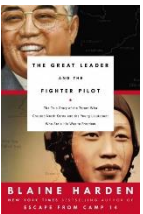
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the history of Korea. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

### Books:



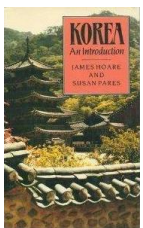
[Ask a North Korean: Defectors Talk about Their Lives Inside the World's Most Secretive Nation](#) by Daniel Tudor – 362.87 TUD; eBook on [hoopla](#)\*

The long-running "Ask a North Korean" column produced by NK News in Washington D.C. invites readers to ask questions of recent North Korean defectors about everyday issues that are not generally discussed in the media. Various aspects of life in North Korea are discussed in this book through a series of interviews. These interviews show that even in the world's most authoritarian regime, there is still a degree of normality and continuity.



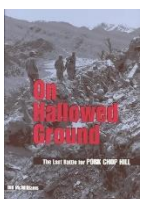
[The Great Leader and the Fighter Pilot: The True Story of the Tyrant Who Created North Korea and the Young Lieutenant Who Stole His Way to Freedom](#) by Blaine Harden – 951.904 HAR

Drawing on documents from Chinese and Russian archives about the role of Mao and Stalin in Kim's shadowy rise, as well as from never-before-released U.S. intelligence and interrogation files, Harden gives us a heart-pounding escape adventure and an entirely new way to understand the world's longest-lasting totalitarian state.



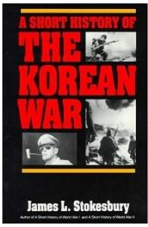
[Korea: An Introduction](#) by James Hoare and Susan Peras – 951.9 HOA

Examines the history and people of Korea, and describes their society, language, customs, and religions.



[On Hallowed Ground: The Last Battle for Pork Chop Hill](#) by Bill McWilliams – 951.904 MCW

Evoking all the powerful emotions of a frustrating, bitter, bloody, stalemated Korean War, Bill McWilliams takes readers into the trenches and bunkers of Pork Chop Hill with the men of the 7th Infantry Division's 17<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiments as they withstand repeated assaults by the Chinese in July 1953.



## [A Short History of the Korean War](#) by James L. Stokesbury – 951.9 STO

Stokesbury summarizes the major events of the Korean War, surveys the world situation in the early 1950s, and details the war's effect on American domestic affairs.

### Videos:



#### [Korea's Warring Kingdoms and Flying Dragons](#) by The Great Courses –

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ykpl3x> (available on [Kanopy](#)\*)

Meet some pivotal figures of Korean mythology: the mythical culture hero Mireuk and his rival Seokga, the legendary king Hyokkose of Silla, and the self-sacrificing magistrate Pak Che-sang. Consider the porous border between mythology and history, and learn a trick for telling which myths have been altered by scholars.



#### [Silence Broken: Korean Comfort Women](#) – <https://tinyurl.com/yxd6t39d> (available on [Kanopy](#)\*)

A powerful and emotional documentary about Korean women forced into sexual servitude by the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II, *Silence Broken* dramatically combines the testimony of former comfort women who demand justice for the "crimes against humanity" committed against them, along with contravening interviews of Japanese soldiers, recruiters and contemporary scholars who deny the existence of comfort women or claim that these victims "did this for money."

### Podcasts:



#### [Crown Prince Sado of Korea](#) by Stuff You Missed in History Class –

<https://tinyurl.com/y32upe3s>

Crown Prince Sado of Korea – sometimes called Korea's "Coffin King" – has been described as insane, depraved and sadistic, but when you examine his short life, it's more complicated than a list of acts of savagery (though there are plenty of those).

#### [Admiral Yi Sun-sin and the Turtle Ships](#) by Stuff You Missed in History Class –

<https://tinyurl.com/yxg5ygob>

When Japan invaded Korea in 1592, the Korean forces were unprepared for Japan's troops. The Korean navy, however, was a different story. Commanding Admiral Yi Sun-sin repeatedly defeated the Japanese. But was it enough to end the war?



#### [The Forgotten War](#) by Throughline - <https://tinyurl.com/y6584p4l>

What has fueled the hostility between North Korea and the United States for decades? In this episode, Throughline revisits the tangled history that helps explain how we got to where we are today.