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Art

North Korean Art : Paradoxical Realism / BG Miuhn
Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018
84p.
9781624121197
\$ 35.00 / PB
358gm.

North Korean Art: Paradoxical Realism at the 2018 Gwangju Biennale is an exhibition that reflects the culmination of an eight-year exploration into the art of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). During that time, BG Muhn made nine research trips to the DPRK to pursue a growing passion for the uniqueness and mystery surrounding Chosonhwa, the North Korean name for traditional ink wash painting on rice paper. The DPRK is notably the only country in the world after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 that continues to create Socialist Realism art. This exhibition is likely the first opportunity for people around the world to see North Korean Chosonhwa in such a broad range of images within Socialist Realism art.

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Biography

Stone House on Jeju Island : Improvising Life Under a Healing Moon /
Brenda Paik Sunoo

Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018

204p.

9781624121166

\$ 26.00 / PB

320gm.

Creating a New life of Healing on Jeju Island Jeju's magic brings both blessings and curses. Its volcanic topography is beautiful, but left the island with a harsh environment; hidden underneath the peaceful fishing villages lie the scars of Korea's painful modern history. Around 25 years ago, after the passing of her young son Tommy, Brenda Paik Sunoo struck out on a journey in search of harbors for the heart. Of all the different places she visited, it was this island that drew her in, and she decided to build a home there. Stone House on Jeju Island is a record of building and moving into a home in a foreign land, and an adventure yarn about tackling a new life in one's twilight years.

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The Tunnel of Destiny : The True Story of a Family's Walk through an Age of Turmoil / Kim Hyung-Cha (Translator) Allen D. Clark

Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018

368p.

9781624121180

\$ 40.00 / HB

594gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461833>

Journey of the River : Essays / Shin, Young-Bok (Ed) R. C. Richardson (Translator) Cho, Byung-Eun

Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do: Dolbegae Publishers, 2018

356p.

9788971998410

\$ 40.00 / PB

606gm.

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Cookery

Wookwan's Korean Temple Food : The Road to the Taste of Enlightenment /
Wookwan (Ed) Mickey Yoon-Jung Hyun (Photography) Dukgwon Moon
South Korea : ICP inc., 2018

156p.

9788970946139

\$ 75.00 / HB

790gm.

Buddhist nun Wookwan breaks the boundaries of spiritual exercise and culinary practice in this first-of-its-kind meditative cookbook of Korean temple cuisine. As the first volume of temple cuisine published in English, Wookwan herself has written an elegant volume that introduces the reader to Korean temple food, including what it means to care for the ingredients at each step of preparation, following the three key principles of cooking temple food, interspersed with her own accounts and tips among the recipes.

Korean temple food has been practicing what we now call the farm-to-table concept, using ingredients that are only homegrown or naturally cultivated, combined with an eco-friendly, clean eating mindfulness with a history of over 1700 years. It is also vegetarian cuisine; it does not use any animal products save for some dairy ingredients, nor does it use the five spicy vegetables that are thought to distract the mind; instead, flavors are precisely crafted by thorough understanding of the ingredients and their natural aromas.

Temple cuisine holds at its very core a reverence for life, and Wookwan's 41 meticulous recipes embody her philosophy and conscientiousness for nourishing the not only the body, but the soul.

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Economics/Development Studies

Economic Transition in Unified Germany and Implications for Korea / (Ed)
Hyung-Gon Jeong & Gerhard Heimpold
KIEP Policy Reference No. 17-13
Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2017
272p.
9788932224480 ; 9788932220642 (Set)
\$ 25.00 / PB
534gm.

German reunification is an important subject of study as a model of unification for Korea, a country which has remained divided for decades. In the process of German reunification, peace was achieved without any physical conflict. Moreover, economic integration was successfully accomplished without any severe shocks.

Meanwhile, it is an important issue whether German reunification methods and policies can be successfully applied to Korea, which presents a different set of political, economic and social conditions. In this book we explore the various social and economic challenges that arose during the process of German reunification, as well as the successes and failures of policies to solve them, and through this suggest policy implications for the Korean government.

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Financial Market Integration and Income Inequality / Jae Wook Jung &
Kyunghun Kim
Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2018
54p.
9788932242767
KIEP Working Paper No. 18-02
\$ 9.00 / PB
130gm.

Over the past decades, financial markets have been integrated across countries while income inequality has increased in most countries. This paper studies the effect of financial market integration on income inequality and investigates whether the effect varies with the degree of financial market development. We find an empirical evidence that financial market integration and financial market development interact to change income inequality. Specifically, the effect of financial market integration on income inequality is nonlinear, and the degree of financial market development plays an important role. Opening financial market worsens income inequality in the countries holding the underdeveloped state of financial market, however, the effect of capital account openness on income inequality is statistically insignificant in the countries with developed financial market.

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Exchange Rates and Firm Exports : The Role of Foreign Ownership and Subsidiaries / Hyelin Choi & Hyo Sang Kim
Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2018
34p.
9788932242774
KIEP Working Paper No. 18-03
\$ 9.00 / PB
88gm.

In this paper, we examine the role of global production linkages on exchange rate elasticities by using Korean firm-level data. At firm-level, foreign-owned firms or firms with foreign subsidiaries participated in the Global Value Chains (GVC) play an important role in weakening the effect of exchange rate movements on firm exports. The empirical results show that the exchange rate elasticity of total export is about -0.64, which implies that 10% appreciation of Korean Won would make a drop in total export by 6.4%. However, the exchange rate elasticities of firms are not the homogeneous across firms. We find that the exchange rate elasticities of firm exports are significant and negative for domestic-owned firms and firms without foreign subsidiary whereas those are insignificant for foreign-owned firms and firms with foreign subsidiaries.

After controlling exports to foreign affiliates, we still find that the estimated exchange rate elasticities of exports are statistically insignificant, but become negative and relatively larger for firms with global production linkages. More-over, firms with higher GVC integration measure or more imported inter-mediate inputs have the significantly lower exchange rate elasticities of firm exports. It suggests that developments of global production linkages via firm ownership, within-industry or within-firm in the last decade play an essential role in alleviating the effect of exchange rate movements on the firm exports.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461839>

A Quantitative Trade Model with Unemployment / Kyu Yub Lee
Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2018
50p.
9788932242781
KIEP Working Paper No. 18-04
\$ 9.00 / PB
116gm.

This paper emphasizes the role of labor market frictions, which is largely neglected in quantitative trade models that usually assume full-employment. Labor market frictions can contribute to a source of comparative advantage, thus affecting trade share, price, expenditure, etc. Unemployment and changes in unemployment rates play a key role in the calculation of changes in welfare. This paper highlights that quantitative trade models with full-employment can provide biased welfare effects from tariff changes relative to the present model with labor market frictions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461840>

A Study on the Dynamics of Foreign Trade and the Issue of Regional Economic Integration in Central Asia / Kodirjon Maxamadaminovich Umarmkulov

Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2018
62p.

9788932242798

KIEP Working Paper No. 18-05

\$ 9.00 / PB

144gm.

At the current stage of globalization, Central Asia (CA) is becoming a focal point for the political and economic interests of global forces because of its rich natural resources and critical strategic position. From this point of view, the CA countries need to form a joint development strategy for solving regional problems and a strong mechanism for countering the main political and economic conflicts in the region. At the same time, the countries of the region need to choose the path of joint development in order to increase the efficiency of their internal capacities and resources, adapt the domestic social and economic infrastructure to modern requirements and improve the living standards of the population. This is directly related to the progress of regional economic integration in CA. Through this integration, the economies of the countries in the region could complement each other and ensure a high level of development in mutual trade and industrial development. However, there are some obstacles and problems hindering the development of economic integration in the region. Most particularly, the weak infrastructure in the region, its economic-geographical isolation from world markets, administrative barriers and political instability hinder trade between the countries of CA.

From this point of view, this study focuses on the problems of general and cross-border trade in CA countries, and the opportunities for economic integration in the region.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461841>

Ecommerce and Firm Performance : Evidence from Korea / Lee Kyu Yub
Sejong-si: Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 2017
62p.
9788932242729
KIEP Working Paper No. 17-06
\$ 9.00 / PB
112gm.

The global ecommerce market is expanding rapidly and dramatically. However we know little about the distribution or performance of ecommerce firms relative to traditional firms in the economy. This paper empirically investigates performance differences between these two types of firms using Korean data.

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History

North Korean Modern History : A Sourcebook, Vol. 1. / (Ed) Dae-Sook Suh, Wan Bom Lee & Seung Hyun Lee
Gyeonggi-do: The Academy of Korean Studies Press, 2018
xii, 420p.
9791158663582; 9791158663575 (Set)
\$ 50.00 / PB
638gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461843>

North Korean Modern History : A Sourcebook, Vol. 2.. / (Ed) Dae-Sook Suh, Wan Bom Lee & Seung Hyun Lee
Gyeonggi-do: The Academy of Korean Studies Press, 2018
421-1000p.
9791158663599; 9791158663575 (Set)
\$ 50.00 / PB
864gm.

This source book on North Korean Modern History is published in English to help scholars to research on North Korea. In most cases even the most basic documents relating to North Korea s history are available only in the Korean language. North Korean authorities occasionally issue English versions of selected documents, but these translations are markedly inferior in quality - some are in atrocious English. The purpose of this book is to collect and present basic documents and improve our understanding of North Korea s political and social traditions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461844>

Law

White Paper on Human Rights in North Korea 2018 / Dong-Ho Han (et al.)
Seoul: Center for North Korean Human Rights Research, Korea Institute
for National Unification (KINU), 2018

572p.

9788984799196

\$ 60.00 / PB

848gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461845>

Linguistics

The Korean Verbs Guide Vol. 1 & 2 / TalkToMeInKorean (Ed) Hyojin Ahn &
Stephanie Bates

6th Edition

Seoul: Longtail Books, 2017

2v,

English & Korean Text

9788956057064

\$ 70.00 (Set) / PB

600gm.

Book Details:

100 Essential Verbs for Beginners

This book introduces 100 essential verbs that are commonly used in everyday Korean. The two-volume set contains 50 verbs fully conjugated. Covering all verb types, this guide is the key to effective practice and acclimatisation to the conjugation rules through hundreds of real-life sample sentences and useful quiz questions. A learning tool for beginners, and a reference resource for everyone, this book will help learners gain a complete understanding of one of the fundamental pillars of language learning.

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Easy Korea Reading : Beginners / TalkToMeInKorean

Seoul: Longtail Books, 2018

128p.

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\$ 37.50 / PB

238gm.

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=435391>

Korean for K-Pop Travelers / Ahn Yongjun (Eds) Lee Suk-Hee, Kim Sook Hee & Han Ji-Hee (Translator) Lee Soo-Kyung
Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do: Darakwon, 2018
224p.- Includes MP3 CD
English & Korean Text
9788927732181
\$ 38.00 / PB
410gm.

- A must-have Korean tour guidebook for K-pop fans and people planning a trip to Korea!
- A Korean speaking practice book for traveling with essential real life expressions and vocabulary!
- Watch video clips of a 5-day trip to Seoul and witness the Korean expressions and vocabulary being used in real situations
- Learn about various aspects of the Korean language and culture, while picking up some helpful tips for your trip! Korean for K-Pop Travelers, which incorporates survey results from foreigners, is a book containing the most essential Korean expressions for K-pop travelers who have decided to make their way to Korea and also provides a guide for a trip that's best suited for their purposes and lifestyles. This book was conceptualized based on a storytelling technique, which takes K-pop travelers through 5 days and 4 nights in Seoul while on a visit to see a concert by their favorite K-pop artist. What sets this book apart is that you can see the whole itinerary for the trip and Korean expressions being enacted in video form. To do this, members of K-pop group Favorite travel to the hottest tourist spots and see, taste, and feel what these places have to offer—all captured on video. The video clips highlight the appeal of these tourist attractions and include useful Korean expressions along with English subtitles to aid in the viewers' understanding.

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Talk To Me In Korean : 100-day Study Journal / TalkToMeInKorean (Ed)
Kyung Hwa-Sun & Stephanie Bates
Seoul: Longtail Books, 2017
128p.
9780986274237
\$ 42.50 / HB
480gm.

TalkToMeInKorean.com is the world's largest Korean language education site with more than 5 million learners worldwide. TalkToMeInKorean.com is the premier Korean language education website, Are learning Korean and more about Korea through free lessons in Talk To Me In Korean. Talk To Me In Korean 's 100 - Day Korean Study Planner is designed to make it easier for learners to learn foreign languages effectively and more easily.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=461848>

Literature

Literature and Its Readership in the Changing World : Proceedings of the Seoul International Forum for Literature 2017 / Svetlana Alexievich (et al.)

Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018

708p.

9781624121135

\$ 60.00 / HB

1070gm.

As much as the rapid and radical changes that have occurred in the lives of mankind during the past half century, the circumstances of literature have also changed. With market globalization, literary works are packaged and sold as cultural products, and literary boundaries have become obscured and intertwined to give rise to “hybrid” and “fusion” cultures. In the age of multi-media, text is stripped of its former authority and literature competes with electronic and video content. For literature to now survive in this new environment, it must affiliate itself with the new media or invent new literary forms.

How are the literature and the readers adapting to this age of fundamental transition, and how should writers respond? *Literature and Its Readership in the Changing World* is a compilation of answers to these questions proposed by writers of various cultural backgrounds. Throughout three sections entitled “Perceiving ‘Us’ and ‘Them,’” “Literature in the Globalizing World/Age of Multimedia,” and “Writers and the Market,” Nobel Prize laureates Svetlana Alexievich and Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio, post-colonialist literature master Nuruddin Farah, and other world-class literary masters such as Amitav Ghosh, Antoine Compagnon, Robert Hass, Omar Pérez Lopéz, and Keiichiro Hirano voice their views.

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Official Publications

2017 Annual Report on the Consumer Price Index [South Korea]

Daejeon: Statistics Korea, 2018

616p.

English & Korean Text

\$ 50.00 / PB

1260gm.

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Religion – Buddhism

The World of Laozi : Lectures on the Daodejing / Prime Dharma Master Kyongsan (Ed) Kim Heesun (Translator) Colin A. Mouat

Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018

296p.

9781624121159

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478gm.

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The Path to Awaken to and Cultivate the Mind : Lectures on Secrets on Cultivating the Mind / Prime Dharma Master Kyongsan (Ed) Kim Heesun (Translator) Soonyoung Choi

Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018

304p.

9781624121173

\$ 35.00 / PB

468gm.

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Korean Bhikkhuni : The Hidden History of Female Buddhist Monks
Illuminated / (Author) Ha Choon-Sang (Translator) Chun Ock-Bae
(Photographer) Jang Myeong-Hwak
Seoul: International Cultural Foundation, 2018
358p.
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Travel Guidebooks

Seoul's Historic Walks in Sketches / Jang Hee Lee (Ed) Park Jiyoung
(Translated) David Carruth
Irvine, C.A., USA: Seoul Selection, 2018
344p.
9781624121111
\$ 42.00 / PB
784gm.

Like a photographer who waits to catch perfect light, Janghee Lee takes long looks at interesting places in Seoul and captures the details with honesty and passion. —**Robert J. Fouser, writer of *Hanok: The Korean House***

Janghee Lee renders this perpetually changing, seemingly incomprehensible metropolis legible through realistically detailed, imaginative sketches. —**Colin Marshall, essayist for *Guardian Cities*, *Los Angeles Review of Books***

Seoul is a rapidly changing city, the epitome of the latest trends and technology. But looking closely in between the skyscrapers, there lie hints that reveal an alternate story, a story of a 600-year-old capital city. *Seoul's Historic Walks in Sketches* discovers and brings to life these stories. From the Joseon era's palaces and fortresses to modern skyscrapers of glass and steel built on historic sites, the author's pencil sketches bring forth a new dimension of Seoul. Accompanying the illustrations are his insightful, witty commentaries on local history that go a long way in presenting readers with a captivating view of the unknown city, a city almost exotic in its mystery.

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My Seoul : Hidden Gems / Seungwoo Baek
Seoul: Canopus, 2018
216p.
9791195644032
\$ 40.00 / PB
508gm.

A superb guidebook illustrating Korean culture and lifestyle in the most concise and straightforward way – Hyung Rong Lee, Professor of Sejong University

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