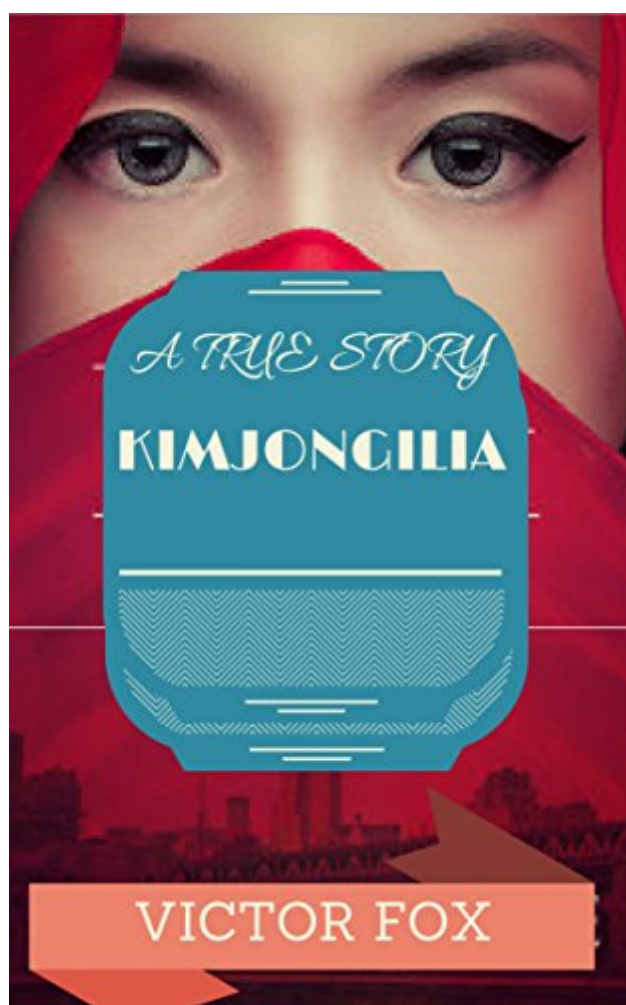


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Kimjongilia: A TRUE STORY FROM NORTH KOREA



Synopsis

****THE MOST PROVOCATIVE STORY EVER TOLD**** Poor kitchen worker Kim Suk is asked to make the ultimate sacrifice for her Party—marry, and inform on, the puppet they will install as Supreme Leader of North Korea, Kim Sung. No one told her he was capriciously cruel and sexually deviant. Chinese guerrilla fighter Peter Chang, ordered to protect Kim Suk from her new husband, is an angry man haunted by his mother's death and his father's abandonment. No one told him he wasn't expected to survive his newest assignment in the Kim household. While the two secretly carry out their orders from different superiors, each struggling to protect the other from the darkest secrets of conspiracy and manipulation.

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Customer Reviews

Kimjongilia is a beautiful romance set up as a frame story that tells the harrowing and paranoid love between two of the inner circle members of the Kim household in North Korea. From the humble origins of communist ideology, through the ascendance of power, and all of the murder, intrigue, fear, adultery, paperwork, and backstabbing of that has led to the current situation in North Korea,

this story is an exciting and heartbreaking romance heavily steeped in historical fact. What is most memorable about this book is the way in which Fox is able to create a romance that is both a beautiful touching story and also a well-crafted tale. For me this isn't always something that goes hand in hand, and I either find myself wading into unrealistic saccharine scenes of sentimentality or sexual explosivity. Fox has created a beautiful and realistic piece that is entertaining for any audience, from readers of the spy thriller, to bildungsroman, to romance, to historical fiction, to action, and just plain literary fiction. It is as touching as it is exciting, a nail biting novel where a true sympathetic itch for the characters drives every turn of the page. Well written, and brilliantly edited and formatted, this book was a breeze to fly through on my Kindle. Unlike many self-published novels, this gem allowed for a gorgeous, real reading experience that is unparalleled among its peers. I loved this book as someone who is interested in the history of the conflict and power struggles in the fearsome government, but I also loved it as a reader, and I was surprised to love this book that is considered to be a part of a genre I rarely approach. A really enjoyable book I will be recommending to others.

I purchased this book on a whim based entirely upon its portrayal on . I am by no means a book connoisseur, but I do enjoy a good read. While the subject matter did pique my curiosity, it was the stellar customer review record that assured me a compelling experience. Unfortunately, that was not necessarily the case. Despite that the plot seems quite predictable, the book starts off well enough and I had no trouble getting through the first one-third. It is evident that the author researched China considerably in order to set the stage for the story. It was at the one-third point that I started noticing errors in diction, some more conspicuous than others. Multiple instances in which the wrong character's name is used, including and especially during the story's conclusion, detracted significantly from my reading experience. Furthermore, it became clear that the author's grasp of Korean culture/language - arguably more important than that of China, given the story's foundation - is inadequate. Candidly, I struggled to get through the last few chapters of this book, a dilemma in which I truly hate being. To me, the latter portion of the plot seemed rushed to the point of near carelessness; certainly not indicative of a product deserving an aggregate 5-star review. I can't help but feel that the reviews have been manipulated somehow.

Victor Fox gave me a whole different perspective on the society in North Korea. This story is based on true events, and some of it gives me the chills knowing horrific things happen in different parts of the world. It has an abundance of Korean culture that I found to be very interesting, and enjoyed

reading each new piece of information. With all the emotions portrayed and revealed, I couldn't help my heart racing and aching for the pain endured in this rollercoaster of a story. Fox has a unique way to bring romance into the story which is beautiful and touching. There books hits almost every single genre, with thrill, romance, and historical fiction. It kept me on the edge of my seat, with drama and the sense of adventure. It's very well written, giving any reader a great mental picture of the experiences each character encounters. I normally do not initially go for a book like this one, but something about it intrigued me, and I'm glad I tried something that was sort of out of my comfort zone. I can't wait to recommend this to some of my friends and family and discuss the book with them. Absolutely a 5/5.

I found this book very interesting and readable; however I believe the critical reviewers that they were harassed by a squad of "Victor Fox" supporters. It's ironic that he resorts to the same tactics as the dictator he portrays so negatively. The reason I believe the reviews were padded is that I don't think it's possible to read this book without questioning its truthfulness. It's also impossible not to notice the errors (e.g., omitting words, mixing up characters names) and the convenient, lazy, non-credible solutions to problems in the plot. (E.g., a meeting was interrupted just before someone could reveal the most relevant, earth-shattering piece of information he meant to disclose.) There is a lot of explicit sex and I was compelled to continue reading, so if you're looking for a quick, entertaining read with sex in it, by all means this is a good one. It is NOT high quality fiction and I do believe it's misrepresented as a true story, since there is no documentation to back up any of its wild assertions about what really happened in this slice of North Korean history.

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