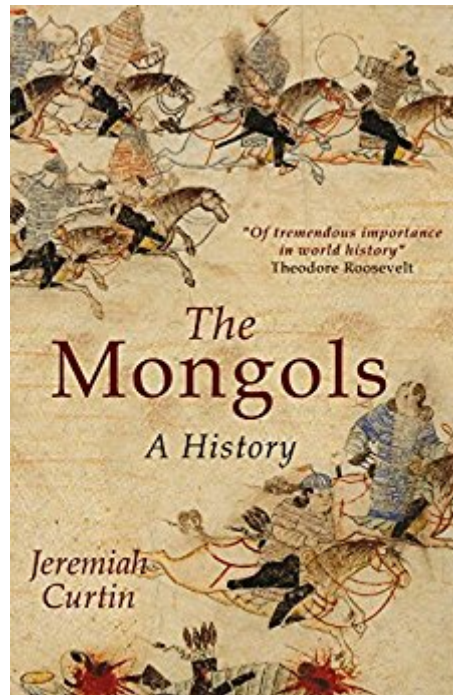




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# The Mongols: A History



## Synopsis

“Of tremendous importance in world history ... imperatively necessary to all who would understand the development of Asia and of Eastern Europe” — Theodore Roosevelt

The Mongols were the superpower of their day, erupting out of Central Asia in 1206 to conquer an empire stretching from Poland to Korea. Their arrival in the Middle East upset the very tenuous balance between Christendom and Islam, sparking a long-simmering rivalry that has lasted to this day. This thorough history of the Mongols charts their rise from nomadic horsemen to continent-spanning empire to eventual dissolution. At the time Curtin was writing, very little was known about the Mongols, even among well-educated men, and so this captivating book still serves as an excellent general introduction to the Mongolian world. Curtin describes their homeland and early society as herdsman and raiders and, through folklore, introduces the first leaders, or Khans, including the rise of Temudjin, the great Genghis Khan, and his conquest of Central Asia. This detailed narrative history continues after Temudjin's death, when the Mongol Empire was divided among his sons, who continued wars of conquest against the Chinese, Hungarians, Poles, and Japanese, and through to the dissolution of the empire following the death of Kublai Khan, the last man to possess centralized power among the Mongols. Students and historians will find this an extensive and informative read about an often overlooked society that nevertheless greatly influenced the development of the modern world. This edition includes an introduction by Theodore Roosevelt who praises Curtin for his superior scholarship.

“An epic of such wonderful interest” — The American Historical Review

Jeremiah Curtin (1835-1906) was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from Harvard in 1863, he moved to Russia and worked as a translator, later publishing Henryk Sienkiewicz's *Trilogy* (1884-1888) and Boleslaw Prus's *The Pharaoh and the Priest* (1902). *The Mongols A History* was first published in 1907.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very weak "history" book. For anyone interested in learning about Mongolia and Central/Inner EurAsia in general, there is one book, or actually a series, that I can recommend (and I've been teaching about the region since the 1980s) Christoph Baumer "The History of Central Asia." I. B. Taurus, 2010 - -3 of the proposed 4 volumes already available (some even on ) These volumes are beautifully illustrated, large, heavy and a bit expensive, so request your public library to acquire them, so more readers can share them. Don't let the illustrations fool you into thinking that the content is not serious: The writing is concise, accessible and quite accurate.

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A tiring read. Interesting to a point, but at times, hard to follow. Bar.

And the terrorists are not the Mongols! This book should be required reading for anyone who wants to know the mindset of Al Queda. There is a chapter dealing with the origins of the infamous

Assassin sect of Islam and their eventual destruction at the hands of the Mongols. Its all here-suicide killers, twisted sense of honor, et al. Curtin takes you all the way back to the death of Mohammed and chronicles the rift in Islam that continues to this day. Of course, this is only a chapter in the story of Mongol conquest, but its worth the price of admission, by itself. The foreward, by President Theodore Roosevelt, (this book was written in 1908!!) should tell you that this is a work of dedicated sholarship.

This book comes from a past age when Scholars where Scholars!The books reads like a dream, full of all the facts, and obscure details and character analysis.Jeremiah spent years researching the book. He could speak all the Mongolian/Chinese dialects, and also lived with Mongoloian Tribes in Mongolia.Fantastic accounts of the Persian Empire, Sung Empire and the Assassins Commonwealth.The best commentary on the mongols i have come across by far.

One of the sad truisms about historical writings is that they are constantly in a state of flux. New archeological evidence and increased sources make the most recent editions and writings of a history ESSENTIAL to its most accurate understanding.That being said, this has a foreword by Teddy Roosevelt... I enjoyed this as I was reading it, but as I further researched the Mongols (as I'm obsessed with Ghengis), I came to find that this text was extremely inaccurate. A glaring example is when this text attributes to Ghengis the act of boiling alive over 70 men of his enemy. More recent writings attribute this vile act to Ghengis' ENEMY directed at Ghengis. Kinda important... Please get a more recent text.

I cannot be sure of the historical authenticity of this book, but that is due to my own ignorance, rather than any question of its validity. It is an excellent read and it shows some insight into Temujin's personality (he is strikingly similar to Yoshikawa's Musashi, e.g. the mountain climbing, desire to be the best, etc). This book also goes beyond the history centered around him and into the Golden Horde and post-Temujin Mongols. Overall, it gives some much needed attention to an ethnic group that is oftne ridiculed in today's world. People often forget that the Mongols held more land under their sway than any other civilization at any time in the world.

Excellent book in shedding the history of Genghis Kan and his Mongols and the role they played in Russia. Anybody interested in Russian history will find this book of interest. Book arrived on time and in perfect condition. Good seller. Thanks

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