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From Reader Review Genghis Khan for online ebook

Barbara says

Dry history of conquests

Elaine Stevenson says

Great historical fiction

Kathy says

Very readable.

Iami Menotu says

Poorly written, no detail, no structure, no analysis.

Suraj Patil says

Ever since I was a child, I had a fascination to the name Ghengis Khan, it was my father who always kept me fascinated in Ghengis Khan. The fact that a barbarian from a pastoral land was able to conquer almost entire Europe till India is pretty unthinkable, indeed Temujin as his real name is, has lived an illustrious life, a brutal yet illustrious life. At the time of his death, at the age of 64, he had probably the most powerful kingdom under his rule, which only broke off after his death, as it happens with all kingdoms, with brother fighting brother and killing each other. But before that, we get a glimpse into his life, and his values. He was a King who established democracy in his kingdom! Yes, democracy, of course they elected him as the supreme leader, but he had a actual constitution according to which he ruled, it wasn't on the whims of a dictator. Women were treated equals, there were strict laws and they were enforced in brutal ways. For instance if a public servant had an allegation of corruption and if it was proven by their elders, the official was put to death. His name itself caused so much terror in the minds of the countries he invaded, that most of them just gave him the keys to their kingdoms hoping that he won't kill them all, and he just plundered them, it was a sign of benevolence that he did not kill them all. In that way, he killed an awfully large number of people, but then again, it is what a king does, if he wanted to be taken seriously as a king by other than his own people, then he had to be brutal and not tolerant of insubordination. What is surprising that the nomad was religiously neutral, surprising because despite the fact that we, now, in the 21'st century, still aren't religiously neutral

Ula? Baltac? says

Hanlar?n han?

Hristina Ivanova says

I listened to the audio version of this book. A bit outdated(understandably) and far too detailed for my liking, but all in all an interesting read.

I would resort to more modern sources for reliable info, though.

Rakesh says

A good read on Genghis Khan and his exploits

History is generally a boring read, but this one didn't feel as dry. There were some parts where I believe the author could have refrained from repeating himself. The end particularly saw an awful lot of repetition. Not too bad overall though.

Ram Kishor Poddar says

The book was written way back in 1880s and is pretty plain,simplistic and elementary . It is narrated in "bare facts and observation" mode and is quite informative. Read it to get a historian's point of view on the life and events in Temujin aka Genghis Khan.

Ann L. Arnold says

Interesting but old fashioned writing

Though the content of this book was of great interest to me, I found the old fashioned prose clumsy and tedious at times. I will be interested to do some follow up reading on the topic to see what else I might learn.

Anukriti Gulati says

A basic outline of Genghis Khan's life. Hardly any details talking about strategies, or emotions. Bit judgey at times.

okay for a quick read.

Aravind says

This simply narrated history of Genghis Khan traces the life of the great conqueror, from being the son of a minor chieftain in Mongolia to becoming the ruler of arguably the largest empire in history. The language is archaic, as it was published in the late nineteenth century. The names of persons and places have been spelled differently, which makes looking up of these names a bit difficult. The book doesn't cover the details of his conquests beyond the modern day Afghanistan. In short, this book is an appetizer that has to be followed up by some sumptuous material on the Khan of the Khans...

Wes says

Downloaded for free and read on Kindle. Genghis Khan is a fascinating, historic character. Jacob Abbot wrote at an elementary school level. I consider this book to be a placeholder until something better comes along.

Amar says

Probably my first book on Genghis Khan.
Informative sometimes.

Sicofonia says

Originally published in 1888, this book happens to be quite outdated. Jacob Abbott wrote the series "Makers Of History" aiming at children as its primary audience. Hence, it's also very simplistic the way it was written (although this is not necessarily a bad thing).

If you want to read an accurate biography of Genghis Khan go elsewhere. I'd even dare to say that the The History And The Life Of Chinggis Khan: The Secret History Of The Mongols is more accurate than this.

However, the book is very entertaining. And the electronic edition that I found on Project Gutenberg is exquisitely done. Just for that it deserves 3 stars.
