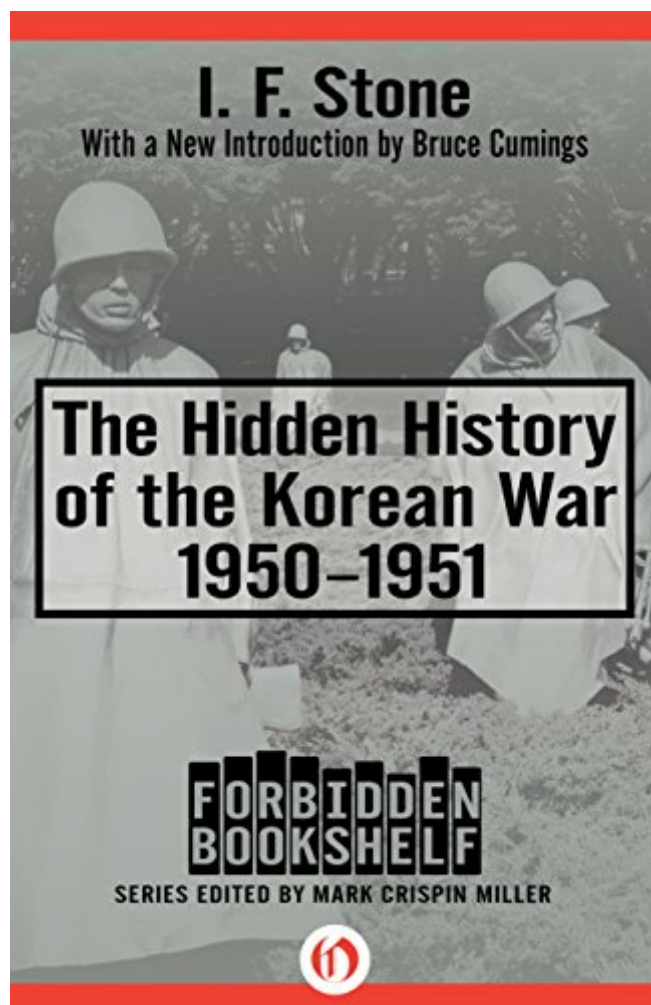


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Synopsis

Journalistic icon I. F. Stone's courageous, controversial book both raises and answers troubling questions about this forgotten war; now with a new introduction by Bruce Cumings — Much about the Korean War is still hidden, and much will long remain hidden. I believe I have succeeded in throwing new light on its origins. • "From the author's preface In 1945 US troops arrived in Korea for what would become America's longest-lasting conflict. While history books claim without equivocation that the war lasted from 1950 to 1953, those who have actually served there know better. By closely analyzing US intelligence before June 25, 1950 (the war's official start), and the actions of key players like John Foster Dulles, General Douglas MacArthur, and Chiang Kai-shek, the great investigative reporter I. F. Stone demolishes the official story of America's forgotten war by shedding new light on the tangled sequence of events that led to it. The Hidden History of the Korean War was first published in 1952 during the Korean War and then republished during the Vietnam War. In the 1990s, documents from the former Soviet archives became available, further illuminating this controversial period in history.

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Customer Reviews

This book, written in 1952, is still worth reading, especially as a companion to more recent histories

including Halberstam's *The Coldest Winter*. Journalist I.F. Stone enjoyed a long career covering foreign and domestic policy, in particular exposing government half truths and propaganda. Stone wrote this book in the early years of the Korean War, and his research stands up well to the test of time and subsequent publications such as Halberstam's book. Hoping to gain legitimacy for his Korean war analysis, Stone relied on major newspaper accounts, published interviews, and government documents -- no off the record or deep background interviews. He continued this reportorial style throughout his career. Stone situates the Korean War in the larger context of the emerging cold war and of McCarthyism, and of the resulting constraints faced by the Truman administration in maintaining its credibility with growing anti-Communist political opinion for its containment and rearmament policy toward the Soviet Union. Thus the early chapters of Stone's book are some of the best. Stone views Truman somewhat sympathetically, but overall Truman does not come off well in Stone's account in large part because of his dithering over how to handle MacArthur. In Stone's account, MacArthur is depicted -- I think correctly -- as playing a conscious role in minimizing the pre-war threat posed by North Korea. Stone convincingly describes how intelligence readily available to MacArthur painted a picture of a likely North Korean invasion of South Korea in June 1950, and how MacArthur likely downplayed this intelligence in order to permit a foreign policy crisis in Korea that would serve his larger motives.

Hidden history, purloined present
The Hidden History of the Korean War I.F. Stone, originally published in 1952 and re-published in 1988
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Pablo Picasso Massacre in Korea, 1951
Former heavyweight boxing champion Mohammed Ali (born Cassius M. Clay) is probably the most famous draft resister in US history. When refusing to accept the draft in 1967, during the American war against Vietnam he told the Press: "No, I am not going 10,000 miles to help murder, kill and burn other people to simply help continue the domination of white slavemasters over dark people the world over. This is the day and age when such evil injustice must come to an end | Why should they ask me to put on a uniform and go ten thousand miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on brown people in Vietnam, while so-called Negro people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights." •The only war in the official history of the United State that was lost, was also the first war in which Jim Crow, the apartheid regime created in the US after the Civil War and Reconstruction, was not the policy of the US military. How African-Americans came again to challenge the imperialist war machine in the 1960s cannot be understood without uncovering the decades of silence and deception that have covered the first war the US regime truly lost "although it has never officially

ended. Bruce Cumings, certainly the most authoritative if not the sole US expert on this mysterious conflict, wrote, "Americans know the Korean War as a forgotten war", which is another way of saying that generally they do not know it.

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