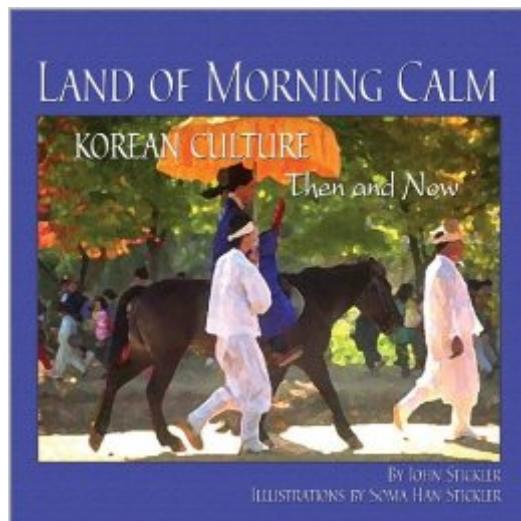


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# Land Of Morning Calm: Korean Culture Then And Now



## Synopsis

What was life like in Ancient Korea? What did people eat? What did they believe in? How is it different now? Take a journey to both ancient and modern Korea, where you will find a rich world of history and traditions that will capture your imagination and whet your appetite for learning more about this fascinating culture. Read about the legend behind the founding of Korea, the meaning of the flag, and the creation of the Korean alphabet. Learn how to make kimchi, how to celebrate Korean holidays, and how people ironed their clothes before electricity. Every page explains an aspect of Korean culture and its changes through the years. As North and South Korea quickly become important players in global politics, Land of Morning Calm gives us a better understanding of the people behind the news and the traditions we don't get to see on television. It opens a window into another way of life, reminding us once again that we are all as similar as we are different.

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If you are looking for an introduction to the roots of Korean culture, this is the book for you. The author and illustrator have teamed up to deliver succinct accounts of Korea that can be enjoyed by people with different needs. I immediately think of Korean parents who are looking for interesting ways to help their children learn about their heritage. Travelers to Korea will find helpful the quick, penetrating insights into the essence of Korean culture. Students may use the book to find topics for more detailed research. The book presents readable descriptions of key aspects of Korean

culture "thousands-year-old mythology, language, holidays, religion, food, arts, sports" 19 in all. The accounts contain detailed examples, beautifully enhanced by the steady, experienced hand of the illustrator. The use of the beautiful Korean alphabet for selected words adds artistry to the pages. The author moves from fascinating accounts of the traditions to glimpses at the way Koreans are living their culture today. I intend to recommend the book to those already knowledgeable of Korea as well as those who just want a first look at this fascinating country.

Colorful and more up-to-date looking than similar books. Brief introduction to major aspects of Korean culture. Covers such topics as clothing, language, religion, dance, music, and food. The book also includes a map of Korea and wonderful illustrations. Each page has the Korean word for the topic discussed written in hangul.

There are very few picturebooks on Korean culture for kids, which alone makes *Land Of Morning Calm* stand out for ages 7-12; but its other fine features include an organization by 19 topics ranging from holidays and arts to religions and home life, and beautiful visual displays of each by Soma Han. *Land Of Morning Calm* is a lively, educational and highly recommended presentation.

This is great book of Korean culture. It is great for teachers of Korean children and adults, Korean-Americans and anyone else interested in Korea. The book covers Korean history, writing, clothing, beliefs and other relevant material. The book is made for kids and has many pictures to help one learn more about Korea. I think this book is much better and more extensive than other books I have found. It is wonderful.

Great info. Not for young children or adults looking for lots of indepth info. But anyone inbetween who is interested in Korea would probably enjoy it.

I bought this book for my family to learn more about our son's Korean heritage. He is eight and could read this book on his own with some help, but he really enjoyed listening to me read it to him. I enjoyed reading it just as much. I thought it was very well written, informative without being too in-depth. The pictures are beautifully illustrated, giving a much more personal feel than books illustrated with random photographs. I couldn't be more pleased with this purchase. Tried to find other books by this author and only found one.

This was a gift to my great-granddaughter, who is part Korean. The story is good, as well as the drawings.

Very good introduction to Korean culture that has more to offer than one would think. My grand children enjoyed it particularly when I told them of my experiences in that interesting country.

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