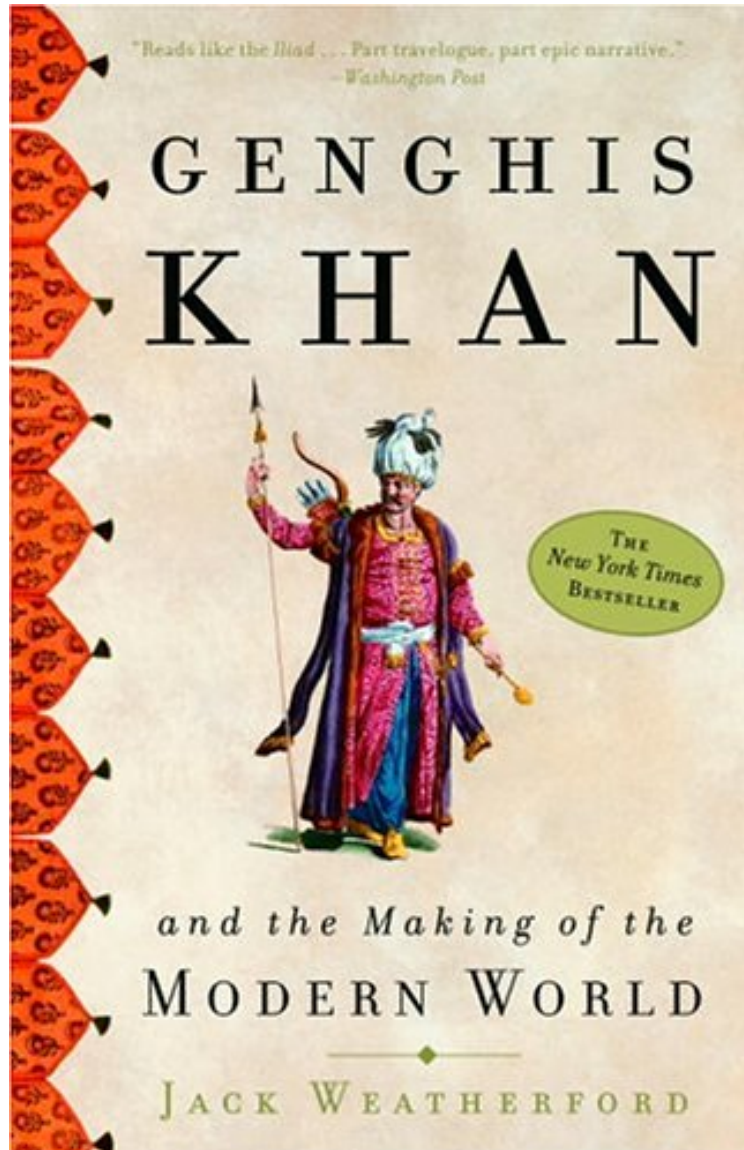


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Jack Weatherford : Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World:

7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Good light shown on a complex historyBy CustomerGood read if you have interest in the subject matter. Some have graded book down because of the historic analogies by non-historian not being right on, but I blame this on common Editorial demands to get authors out of their box.I enjoyed

the contrasts of Chaucer, Islamic and Chinese documentation with long held public opinions of Genghis Khan quite interesting. While Weatherford may put him in a kinder gentler light than seems possible, the Mongolian demographics relative to his opponents offered Mongolians few choice for dealing with the largest ever empire. Intriguing how his upbringing and perhaps own early insecurities lead this uneducated leader to extreme accomplishments as well as documented wisdoms including the extreme benefits of building a government of laws rather than royalty. His genius cannot be underestimated. Strongly recommend this reading to compare and contrast the great impact he had on our history relative to today's world. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but I want to say it pulled punches in terms of describing exactly how horrible a man Genghis Khan was. By Nico Monetti. Definitely interesting and hats off to all the research necessary to put a story this vast into a narrative, but I want to say it pulled punches in terms of describing exactly how horrible a man Genghis Khan was. Perhaps guilty of what Dan Carlin refers to as "historical revisionism," in his podcast **HARDCORE HISTORY**, which I can't recommend highly enough. Been forever since I read it and I was young when I picked it up so don't want to talk it down but I can't say I found it to be a captivating read. Very difficult task... to make history exciting and thorough at the same time. Recommend listening to that podcast (it's free) then buying this book if you want a more measured look at the whole story. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Addictive to read history of the Mongol Empire. By A. Menon. I finally got around to reading Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World after several years of having it on the shelf. I am glad I did. My memory of the Mongol Empire and its origin and impact on the world was scattered at best. In a highly readable few hundred pages I feel thoroughly re-acquainted and in awe of that period of history. The book was easy to follow and hard to put down. The book is split into three parts basically the personal history of Genghis Khan, the period of fighting among the siblings upon his death and the consolidation and peak of the Mongol Empire under Khubilai Khan. All the sections are great. One learns the personal story of Genghis Khan and the obstacles he overcame from childhood to adulthood. The strategy and politics he employed to slowly build support and the personal animosities that developed. One learns of how ruthless the steppes were in the 12th and 13th centuries. One is taken through the evolution of Genghis Khan's own maturation as he evolves is forced to make difficult choices. Military strategy is discussed as well as cultural and political strategy. The book then starts discussing what happens as Genghis ages and the next generation transition happens. Genghis Khan had four children and the ensuing power struggle is discussed. The fracturing of the empire is detailed and it is in the final section that it is reunited under Khubilai Khan. This period is detailed as the height of expanse of the Mongol Empire and is a period of political ingenuity rather than the product of pure military might. In all this book is a great refresher for those who have forgotten the period of the Mongol Empire and what happened. It is immensely readable and quite addictive. I have no real criticisms of the book, though occasionally I found characters described in different lights within a short span of pages. For example Khubilai Khan is described as incapable and lazy when first in charge of conquering the Sung Dynasty but then portrayed as a military and political genius shortly thereafter once he had consolidated power. But minor issues aside I really enjoyed this and highly recommend it.

The Mongol army led by Genghis Khan subjugated more lands and people in twenty-five years than the Romans did in four hundred. In nearly every country the Mongols conquered, they brought an unprecedented rise in cultural communication, expanded trade, and a blossoming of civilization. Vastly more progressive than his European or Asian counterparts, Genghis Khan abolished torture, granted universal religious freedom, and smashed feudal systems of aristocratic privilege. From the story of his rise through the tribal culture to the explosion of civilization that the Mongol Empire unleashed, this brilliant work of revisionist history is nothing less than the epic story of how the modern world was made.