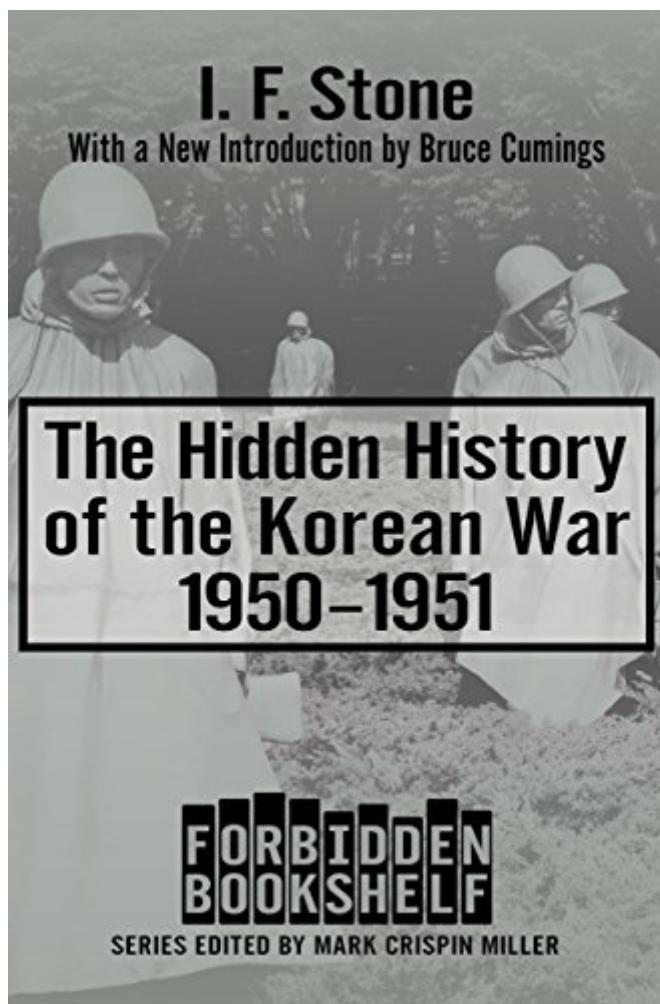


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One of the great journalists of the 20th century tells the true story of a war, unhappily, relevant once more. Vietnam was far from the first deception. Resourceful, tough-minded, accurate.

Though not very thick, this book will get you to think about whether you should accept the common understanding in the West and in South Korea that it was the North that started the war. It might even get you to thinking about the reason why North Korea shelled the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong-do during the recent joint U.S.-R.o.K. maritime military exercises, especially if you look at a map to see where this island is located in relation to North Korean territory and note how close the Northern Limit Line (an unnnegotiated maritime boundary, unlike the DMZ on land) is to North Korean land territory. I give four stars instead of five, because I wish I.F. Stone were still around to write an update edition based on subsequent follow-up research, which would probably earn five from me.

This now forgotten tome should not be overlooked by anyone interested in the Korean War or Korean history in general. There is nothing like it. But then there was no one like I. F. Stone. As stated in its introduction: copies of the book were removed from public libraries across the United States following its publication. One has to stop and ponder that fact. What powerful information could this book contain that the government should see fit to limit its availability to the public? For me, no better book exists on the topic. That is, perhaps until S. Brian Willson publishes his book on the subject sometime in the future.

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