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This book was really good in giving the reader a notion of the history of Asia, but although Murphey does a splendid job of discussion the intricate history of this most-populous of continents, the amount of information is such that the reader will almost certainly feel overwhelmed. Murphey clearly writes for an uninformed audience and thus manages to divide this great continent into several sub regions that will make keeping track of them easier. He then embarks to give a detailed and well-written account of the major influences that affected those regions and their effect on each other. I would recommend this book as a great introduction to this complex history but with the caveat that to really understand it one must then read a whole book devoted to the history of each of the regions delineated.

Lucas says

Great book for those of us who are trying to learn about Asian history with one source. I would say that it goes into a medium depth level on the majority of monsoon Asian countries. It does not touch on Siberia or Australia, however it does cover the rest of the Asian countries in enough detail. Overall, I had a great time reading this book and am very please it is now part of my reference collection for future discussions and lookups.

Katrina says

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Mike Emmett says

Reading for my Far East history class
