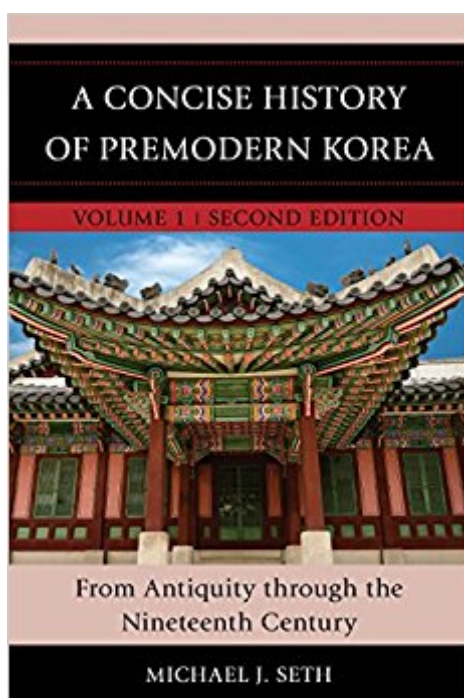


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Summing Up: Highly recommended. All undergraduate and graduate collections. (CHOICE)

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