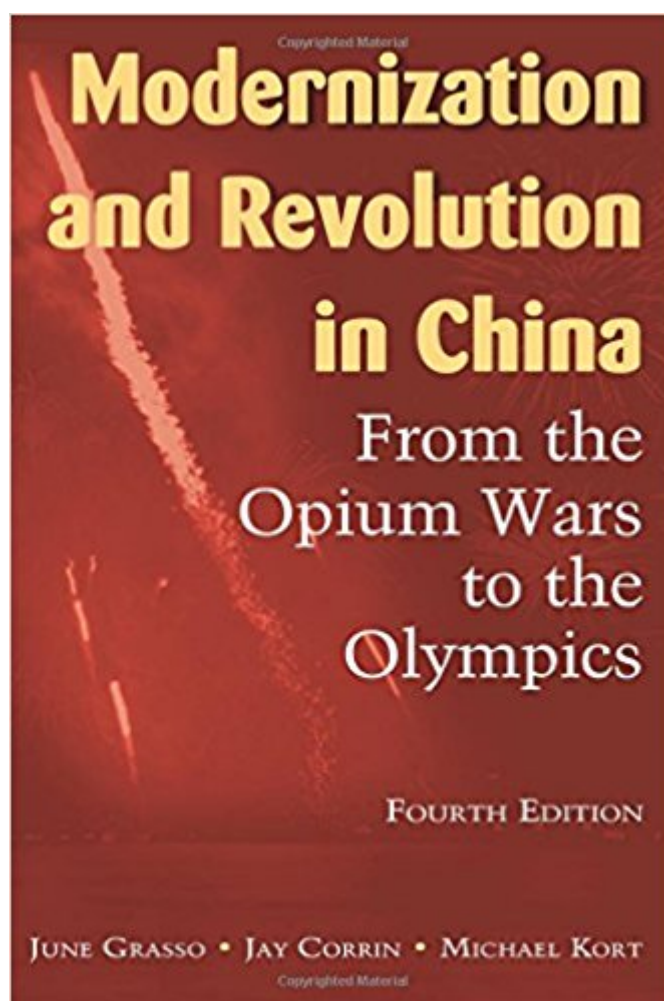


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Extensively revised and updated, this popular text conveys the drama of China's struggle to modernize against the backdrop of a proud and difficult history. Spanning the years from China's humiliating defeat in the Opium Wars to its triumphant hosting of the 2008 summer Olympics, the authors narrate the major developments of that journey: the breakdown of imperial China in the face of Japanese and Western encroachments; Sun-Yatsen and the founding of the Chinese republic; the early struggles between the ideologies and armies of Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Zedong; China's bitter and costly war with Japan; the final shootout that sent Chiang to Taiwan and Mao to Beijing; the turbulent first decades of the People's Republic; and the dramatic shift to a globalizing economic strategy. This edition features all new analysis of issues facing China's leaders today, including environmental challenges, rural economic developments, corruption, the current economic climate, China's relations with its neighbors and the United States, the latest Tibet crisis, and the reelection of Hu Jintao. The authors have also incorporated some of the latest scholarship on Chinese historical events, making this the best and most up-to-date brief text on modern China currently available.

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I was forced to purchase this book when I took a class on Chinese Revolution. Grasso is considered to be one of the most prolific Chinese scholars alive today, so I had high hopes for this book.

Unfortunately, this book consistently failed to deliver on facts and pushed a very bizarre viewpoint

on China. The viewpoint was quite subtle and easily missed. Grasso believes China's problems comes solely from the West. Confucianism is deeply ingrained within the Chinese culture and every event should be analyzed through a Confucian lens, especially 20th century China which rejected Confucianism. This is the only concerns that I have on this text, though they are valid and quite important. Grasso does introduce shocking statistics to the reader on all the death and destruction that occurred in China. It got so bad there, the reader is forced to wonder how China managed to survive. Grasso never goes into how China survive, but only that it did survive and somehow became stronger for all its struggles. Purchase this book to gain an okay overview on China. Just pay attention to the facts and you should be able to get as much out of this book as you can.

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