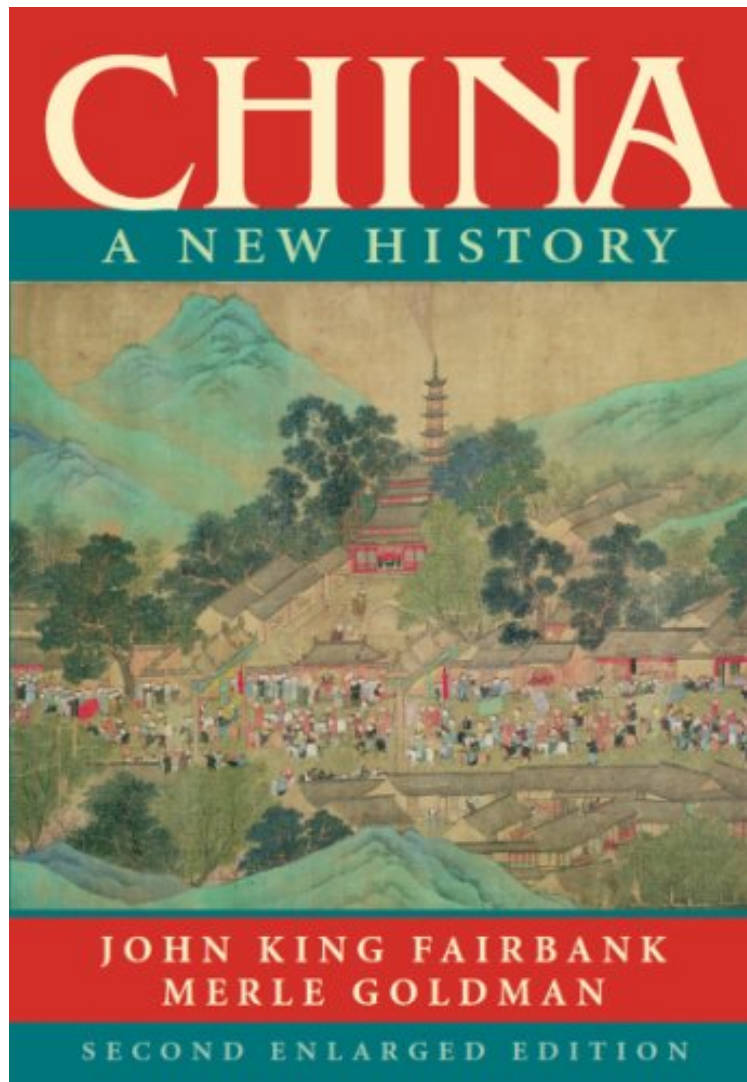


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**Von John King Fairbank, Merle Goldman : China** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised China:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Das Buch des Altmeisters der chineischen Geschichte im neuen GewandVon ElisabethJohn King Fairbank , der Altmeister der chineischen Geschichte aus westlicher Sicht hat sein Standardwerk China, Tradition and Transformation erneuert und bereichert. Coauthor ist Merle Goldmann, die die neuere und neueste Geschichte abdeckt.Das Buch verarbeitet die neuesten Forschungserkenntnisse und widmet den grssten Teil der Neuzeit und der neuesten Zeit. Aus meiner Sicht ein unentbehrliches Standardwerk fr jeden, der sich mit China ernsthaft befassen will. Auch fr den Chinareisenden

enthält es wichtige Hintergrundinformationen. Ich finde besonders die Verbindung von Geschichtsschreibung mit der Darstellung der China bestimmenden philosophischen Konzepte interessant - egal ob es sich um Konfuzianismus, Daoismus oder Maoismus handelt. Besonders lesenswert das Kapitel über die Rolle Maos in der Kulturrevolution und auch (aus der Feder von Merle Goldmann) das Kapitel über die Reformperiode nach Mao. Zusammenfassend: ein hervorragendes, seriöses und äußerst lesbares Buch über die Geschichte Chinas. Die Darstellungen sind niemals dogmatisch oder einseitig, wie leider in anderen neueren westlichen Publikationen über China, sondern sehr differenziert. 9 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dumbed down China for dumber Americans Von Bruce D. Kowal A dumbed down version for the uncurious American student. Written in clichés, and targeted for 13 year olds, with a heavy dose of partisan politics. Page 2. "The US has..had trouble with its national leadership...A more recent president from Hollywood lived a fantasy life, lying to himself and the public to make us feel good, while creating an underclass beneath our democracy and ending the Cold War with the Soviet Union" [I guess ending the Cold War was bad, huh?]. Page 27 on the daily life of an Emperor..He was burdened by many duties and manipulated by the system - by his courtiers during the day and by his harem at night. What a crowded life!" p 328 on General Patrick Hurley "...General Patrick J. Hurley from Oklahoma, a flamboyant and simple-minded American, Reaganesque ahead of his time." The book is awful. Short on facts, and long on the writing style of adolescents, with lots of exclamation points. This is not scholarship. This is junk. Who really wrote this? Faribank on Goldman? 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very Informative, Painfully Dry Von Peter McNulty This book certainly provides a complete chronology of China's political, military, and economic history, but it is like dry wheat toast - good for you, but not very enjoyable. In places, the authors themselves seem uninterested in the subject. For example, the end of thousands of years of imperial rule is dispensed in one paragraph - no discussion. Personally, I wish I had bought a different book.

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