

## Defectors

This book is about my volunteering experience for NKinUSA, a non-profit organization for North Korean refugees and resettlers in America. I hope my story would encourage you to join the volunteer service for North Korean refugees and defectors in America. My interest in the unification of Korea and the human rights of North Koreans have begun since when I was the 5th grader in Seoul, Korea. The DMZ tour that I took as a student reporter sponsored by Korean White House and the conversations that I had with my grandparents and grandparents-in-law greatly motivated me to look out for something that I could do for North Koreans who suffer from persecution. I organized a student group in California and a club at Woodbridge High School to help North Korean refugees, conducted a survey about the perception of American high school students on North Korean refugees in America, translated fundraising announcement from Korean to English, made posters and flyers to inform fundraising music concerts for escaping North Korean refugees and to welcome new volunteers. I participated in making a manual for North Korean refugees to adjust themselves to American lives such as translating the website of ORR (Office of Refugee Resettlement), the role of state governments to assist refugee resettlement including California and recording a video to explain Healthcare program for refugees. You must have a lot of questions before you start volunteer service for refugees and the community in need. What kind of volunteer service can you participate in? Where to find non-profit organizations for volunteer service? How to connect your major in college with volunteer service in high school? How to get the certificate from the non-profit organizations? How to be a leader of a volunteer group? How to make a club for volunteer service in high school? Who can receive a President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)? I hope you find the answers to the above-mentioned questions through this book. Time goes fast and life is short. There are no rooms for hesitation. North Korean refugees need your help. The topic of defection is taboo in the USSR, and the Soviets, are anxious to silence, downplay, or distort every case of defection. Surprisingly, Vladislav Krasnov reports, the free world has often played along with these Soviet efforts by treating defection primarily as a secretive matter best left to bureaucrats. As a result, defectors' human rights have sometimes been violated, and U.S. national security interests have been poorly served.

In this three-volume set, B.J. Oropeza offers the most thorough examination in recent times on the subject of apostasy in the New Testament. The study examines each book of the New Testament and identifies the emerging Christian community in danger, the nature of apostasy that threatens the congregations, and the consequences of defection. Oropeza compares the various perspectives of the New Testament communities to arrive at the idea that the earliest followers of Christ did not believe and teach alike on the issue.

Kaiyo is now five years old and a thousand pounds. Tracking down what he thinks to be a bear poacher, Kaiyo is shot and pursued. But Kaiyo escapes and makes his way home to get his brother's help to go back and take out his attacker. At the same time, Kaiyo's human father, Sam McLeod, is told by a strange and ominous man that Kaiyo will be destroyed and is warned not to interfere. But Kaiyo and the McLeods will not be intimidated. They soon learn that they and their friends are on a death list because they stand in the way of a vile, determined archdemon who patrols the American West. So begins a war at the farm and in the Absaroka mountains as both sides gather human soldiers and animal allies to fight and die in the fierce battles that are a part of the ancient war between unseen nations.

In conducting interviews with North Korean defectors for *The Faceless Ones: The Stories of North Korean Defectors with No Other Choice*, there was a shared request among defectors: "Please ensure that my face is not shown." These are the Faceless Ones, who, despite their physical distance from their homeland, remain bound to families there that they left behind. In this way, their identities are still tied to an isolated state that has already made such aggressive

claims on their personhood. Within North Korea's state-sanctioned ideology, there is no legitimacy to the individual, only to the regime to which one belongs. This book chronicles the stories of dozens of North Korean defectors. Told through the perspective of ordinary citizens, the Faceless Ones exposes the horrific human rights abuses taking place in North Korea and North Koreans' daily struggle to survive. Support us and our fight for human rights in North Korea by buying a book today!

Tessa is a Variant, able to absorb the DNA of anyone she touches and mimic their appearance. Shunned by her family, she's spent the last two years training with the Forces with Extraordinary Abilities, a secret branch of the FBI. When a serial killer rocks a small town in Oregon, Tessa is given a mission: she must impersonate Madison, a local teen, to find the killer before he strikes again. Tessa hates everything about being an impostor—the stress, the danger, the deceit—but loves playing the role of a normal girl. Disguised as Madison, she finds friends, romance, and the kind of loving family she'd do anything to keep. Amid action, suspense, and a ticking clock, this superhuman arrives at a very human conclusion: even a girl who can look like anyone struggles the most with being herself.

An analysis of the insider information and insights that over eighty Soviet intelligence officer defectors revealed during the first half of the Soviet period. Identifies 88 Soviet intelligence officer defectors for the period 1917 to 1954, representing a variety of specializations; the most comprehensive list of Soviet intelligence officer defectors compiled to date. Shows the evolution of Soviet threat perceptions and the development of the "main enemy" concept in the Soviet national security system. Shows fluctuations in the Soviet recruitment and vetting of personnel for sensitive national security positions, corresponding with fluctuations in the stability of the Soviet government. Compiles for the first time corroborative primary sources in English, Russian, French, German, Finnish, Japanese, Latvian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. When intelligence officers defect, they take with them privileged information and often communicate it to the receiving state. This book identifies a group of those defectors from the Soviet elite - intelligence officers - and provides an aggregate analysis of their information to uncover Stalin's strategic priorities and concerns, thus to open a window into Stalin's impenetrable national security decision making. This book uses their information to define Soviet threat perceptions and national security anxieties during Stalin's time as Soviet leader.

In Moscow Rules Gabriel Allon went up against the sadistic Ivan Kharkov. Now he must outsmart him once and for all in this #1 New York Times bestseller from Daniel Silva. Grigori Bulganov once saved Gabriel Allon's life in Moscow—and Allon always repays his debts. So when the former Russian intelligence officer vanishes, Allon gathers his team of operatives to go after those responsible. But, in a running battle that rages across the globe, Allon soon realizes that his enemy may already hold the key to victory. And that if he continues, it will cost him more than he can bear...

"In his new book, Ask a North Korean, Daniel Tudor—a former Economist journalist and current Korean beer entrepreneur—wants people to understand the true lives of everyday North Koreans. Using translated essays written by defectors, the book covers topics from politics to pornography." — The Boston Globe Understanding North Korea Through the Eyes of Defectors. The weekly column Ask A North Korean, published by NK News, invites readers from around the world to pose questions to North Korean defectors. Adapted from the long-running column, these fascinating interviews provide authentic firsthand

testimonies about life in North Korea and what is really happening inside the "Hermit Kingdom." North Korean contributors to this book include: "Seong" who went to South Korea after dropping out during his final year of university. He is now training to be an elementary school teacher. "Kang" who left North Korea in 2005. He now lives in London, England. "Cheol" who was from South Hamgyeong in North Korea and is now a second-year university student in Seoul. "Park" worked and studied in Pyongyang before defecting to the U.S. in 2011. He is now studying at a U.S. college. Ask A North Korean sheds critical light on all aspects of North Korean politics and society and shows that, even in the world's most authoritarian regime, life goes on in ways that are very different from what outsiders may think.

"Defector is a riveting story of heroism, redemption, and finding freedom against all odds. Hobafcovich's harrowing journey from Communist Romania to present-day America will captivate your attention and lift your spirit by turns. This book is a refreshing read about God's grace that will leave readers inspired to follow the stirrings of their own hearts." Jonathan Merritt Senior columnist for Religion News Service Author of *Jesus is Better Than You Imagined* Mark Hobafcovich's exodus from political and religious repression to freedom did not end with his crossing into Yugoslavia, his flight to Australia, or even his settling in the United States. He found true freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and has since embraced his calling to bring others out of darkness and into that Light. His rare and dogged resolve is sure to invigorate the flagging faith and prod the sleepy gratitude of those living on the greener side of the fence.

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especially useful to students and scholars seeking to understand the complex dynamics of North Korean society and the status of exiles in South Korea, and a vital resource for students of Korean Studies.

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 30. Chapters: List of American and British defectors in the Korean War, List of border incidents involving North Korea, List of Korean War flying aces, List of Korean War Medal of Honor recipients, List of Korean War weapons, List of U.S. Army weapons by supply catalog designation, List of United States Army installations in South Korea. Excerpt: This list represents all of the United States military personnel who received the Medal of Honor for their actions during the Korean War. During this war, 135 Medals of Honor were presented for bravery in action, 97 of them posthumously. The Korean War was an escalation of border clashes between two rival Korean regimes (each of which was supported by external powers) with each Korean regime trying to topple the other through political and guerilla tactics. In a very narrow sense, some may refer to it as a civil war, though many other factors were at play. After failing to strengthen their cause in the free elections held in South Korea during May 1950 and the refusal of South Korea to hold new elections per North Korean demands, the communist North Korean Army moved south on June 25, 1950 to attempt to reunite the Korean peninsula, which had been formally divided since 1948. The conflict was then expanded by the United States and the Soviet Union's involvement as part of the larger Cold War. The main hostilities were during the period from June 25, 1950 until the armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. The Medal of Honor was created during the American Civil War and is the highest military decoration presented by the United States government to a member of its armed forces. The recipient must have distinguished themselves at the risk of their own life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy of the United States. Due to the nature of this medal, it is commonly...

First came the virus. Then came the Collapse. The only way to contain the epidemic is mandatory migration across the northern border of the United States. Each vaccinated citizen is identified by a tiny microchip — the most intelligent piece of technology ever to be implanted in a human being that tracks and analyzes your every move. Twenty-year-old Haven Allis is in the system: her Citizen ID tracks her location, conversations, Internet activity, bank account — everything. Any suspicious activity is warrant for arrest. But for those who are undocumented, life is much worse. Illegals are taken to the prisons in Sector X and made to disappear. When her best friend Greyson is captured and arrested for his undocumented status, Haven must go off the grid to save him. Life outside the city has its own dangers: carriers of the virus lurk everywhere, and the Private Military Company is rounding up illegals. On her mission to rescue Greyson, Haven will discover a revolution in motion and be forced to question everything she believes. Keywords: dystopian, dystopian trilogy, dystopian series, YA

dystopian, YA, new adult dystopian, zombies, post-apocalyptic zombie, dystopian romance, YA dystopian romance, new adult dystopian romance, evil government, virus, epidemic, zombie virus, government shut-down, zombie apocalypse, rebellion, fighting, revolution, young adult dystopian series, Defectors, Defectors Trilogy, Tarah Benner

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A USA TODAY "Must Read" Book A New York Post "Must Read" Book

"Fascinating...[Kanon] is a master of the genre...[The] roller-coaster plot will keep you guessing until the final page." —The Washington Post From the bestselling author of *Istanbul Passage* and *Leaving Berlin* comes a riveting novel about two brothers bound by blood, divided by loyalty. In 1949, Frank Weeks, fair-haired boy of the newly formed CIA, was exposed as a Communist spy and fled the country to vanish behind the Iron Curtain. Now, twelve years later, he has written his memoirs, a KGB-approved project almost certain to be an international bestseller, and has asked his brother Simon, a publisher, to come to Moscow to edit the manuscript. It's a reunion Simon both dreads and longs for. The book is sure to be filled with mischief and misinformation; Frank's motives suspect, the CIA hostile. But the chance to see Frank, his adored older brother, proves irresistible. And at first Frank is still Frank—the same charm, the same jokes, the same bond of affection that transcends ideology. Then Simon begins to glimpse another Frank, still capable of treachery, still actively working for "the service." He finds himself dragged into the middle of Frank's new scheme, caught between the KGB and the CIA in a fatal cat and mouse game that only one of the brothers is likely to survive. *Defectors* is the gripping story of one family torn apart by the divided loyalties of the Cold War, but it's also a revealing look at the wider community of defectors, American and British, living a twilight Moscow existence, granted privileges but never trusted, spies who have escaped one prison only to find themselves trapped in another that is even more sinister. Filled with authentic period detail and moral ambiguity, *Defectors* takes us to the heart of a world of secrets, where no one can be trusted and murder is just collateral damage.

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scenarios, the reasons, the aftermath, and the historiography of frontline defection. While the phenomenon of frontline defection tells us much about the lack of popularity of Stalin's regime, it does not prove that the majority of the population was ready for resistance, let alone collaboration. More recent research on the moods of both the occupied and the unoccupied Soviet population shows that the majority understood its own interest in opposition to both Hitler's and Stalin's regime. The findings of Mark Edele in this study support such an interpretation.

When intelligence officers defect, they take with them privileged information and often communicate it to the receiving state.

“[A] tender, aching debut . . . where faith and betrayal are intertwined.” —Elle “A thoughtful and candid meditation on faith, family, and forgiveness . . . a fabulous debut.” —Claire Lombardo, New York Times bestselling author of *The Most Fun We Ever Had* A mesmerizing debut novel set in northern Texas about two sisters who discover an unsettling secret about their father, the head pastor of an evangelical megachurch, that upends their lives and community—a story of family, identity, and the delicate line between faith and deception. Luke Nolan has led the Hope congregation for more than a decade, while his wife and daughters have patiently upheld what it means to live righteously. Made famous by a viral sermon on purity co-written with his eldest daughter, Abigail, Luke is the prototype of a modern preacher: tall, handsome, a spellbinding speaker. But his younger daughter Caroline has begun to notice the cracks in their comfortable life. She is certain that her perfect, pristine sister is about to marry the wrong man—and Caroline has slid into sin with a boy she’s known her entire life, wondering why God would care so much about her virginity anyway. When it comes to light, five weeks before Abigail’s wedding, that Luke has been lying to his family, the entire Nolan clan falls into a tailspin. Caroline seizes the opportunity to be alone with her sister. The two girls flee to the ranch they inherited from their maternal grandmother, far removed from the embarrassing drama of their parents and the prying eyes of the community. But with the date of Abigail’s wedding fast approaching, the sisters will have to make a hard decision about which familial bonds are worth protecting. An intimate coming-of-age story and a modern woman’s read, *God Spare the Girls* lays bare the rabid love of sisterhood and asks what we owe our communities, our families, and ourselves. “A deeply felt book about love — love for family and community, for people who sustain you and people who disappoint you. And love for God, too, which Kelsey McKinney writes about with humane and incisive frankness.”—Linda Holmes, New York Times bestselling author of *Evvie Drake Starts Over* “The accomplishment of this canny novel is in positing coming of age itself as a loss of faith—not only in the church, but in our parents, our family, and the world as we thought we understood it.” — Rumaan Alam, New York Times bestselling author of *Leave the World Behind* and *Rich and Pretty*

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demonstrate that he is up there with the very best...of spy thriller writers” (The Times, UK) with this “fascinating” (The Washington Post) novel about two brothers bound by blood but divided by loyalty. In 1949, Frank Weeks, agent of the newly formed CIA, was exposed as a Communist spy and fled the country to vanish behind the Iron Curtain. Now, twelve years later, he has written his memoirs, a KGB- approved project almost certain to be an international bestseller, and has asked his brother Simon, a publisher, to come to Moscow to edit the manuscript. It’s a reunion Simon both dreads and longs for. The book is sure to be filled with mischief and misinformation; Frank’s motives suspect, the CIA hostile. But the chance to see Frank, his adored older brother, proves irresistible. And at first Frank is still Frank—the same charm, the same jokes, the same bond of affection that transcends ideology. Then Simon begins to glimpse another Frank, capable of treachery and actively working for “the service.” He finds himself dragged into the middle of Frank’s new scheme, caught between the KGB and the CIA in a fatal cat and mouse game that only one of the brothers is likely to survive. “A finely paced Cold War thriller with [Kanon’s] usual flair for atmospheric detail, intriguing characters, and suspenseful action” (Library Journal), *Defectors* takes us to the heart of a world of secrets, where even the people we know best can’t be trusted and murder is just collateral damage. New York Times Notable Book \* NPR Best Books 2015 \* Wall Street Journal Best Books of 2015 The acclaimed author of *The Good German* “deftly captures the ambience” (The New York Times Book Review) of postwar East Berlin in his “thought-provoking, pulse-pounding” (Wall Street Journal) New York Times bestseller—a sweeping spy thriller about a city caught between political idealism and the harsh realities of Soviet occupation. Berlin, 1948. Almost four years after the war’s end, the city is still in ruins, a physical wasteland and a political symbol about to rupture. In the West, a defiant, blockaded city is barely surviving on airlifted supplies; in the East, the heady early days of political reconstruction are being undermined by the murky compromises of the Cold War. Espionage, like the black market, is a fact of life. Even culture has become a battleground, with German intellectuals being lured back from exile to add credibility to the competing sectors. Alex Meier, a young Jewish writer, fled the Nazis for America before the war. But the politics of his youth have now put him in the crosshairs of the McCarthy witch-hunts. Faced with deportation and the loss of his family, he makes a desperate bargain with the fledgling CIA: he will earn his way back to America by acting as their agent in his native Berlin. But almost from the start things go fatally wrong. A kidnapping misfires, an East German agent is killed, and Alex finds himself a wanted man. Worse, he discovers his real assignment—to spy on the woman he left behind, the only woman he has ever loved. Changing sides in Berlin is as easy as crossing a sector border. But where do we draw the lines of our moral boundaries? At betrayal? Survival? Murder? Joseph Kanon’s compelling thriller is a love story that brilliantly brings a shadowy period of history vividly to life.

This book is the first analysis of political defections over a long time span. It investigates all the Liberal/Liberal Democrat MPs and former MPs who defected from the party between the elections of December 1910 and May 2010 - around one sixth of all those elected - as well as the smaller number of inward defectors. Each of the 122 defections was an expert judgment on the state of the party at a specific date. The research investigates the timing and reasons for all the defections and reveals long-term trends and underlying causes and apportions responsibility between leaders for them. The author finds some significant differences which distinguished defectors from loyalists and draws wider conclusions about the underlying factors which lead MPs to defect. This book will be of interest to students and lecturers of British politics and anyone interested in the relationship between British political parties in the last century.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom. Stalin's Defectors is the first systematic study of the phenomenon of frontline surrender to the Germans in the Soviet Union's 'Great Patriotic War' against the Nazis in 1941-1945. No other Allied army in the Second World War had such a large share of defectors among its prisoners of war. Based on a broad range of sources, this volume investigates the extent, the context, the scenarios, the reasons, the aftermath, and the historiography of frontline defection. It shows that the most widespread sentiments animating attempts to cross the frontline was a wish to survive this war. Disgruntlement with Stalin's 'socialism' was also prevalent among those who chose to give up and hand themselves over to the enemy. While politics thus played a prominent role in pushing people to commit treason, few desired to fight on the side of the enemy. Hence, while the phenomenon of frontline defection tells us much about the lack of popularity of Stalin's regime, it does not prove that the majority of the population was ready for resistance, let alone collaboration. Both sides of a long-standing debate between those who equate all Soviet captives with defectors, and those who attempt to downplay the phenomenon, then, over-stress their argument. Instead, more recent research on the moods of both the occupied and the unoccupied Soviet population shows that the majority understood its own interest in opposition to both Hitler's and Stalin's regime. The findings of Mark Edele in this study support such an interpretation.

Unperson is one of the first photo books of North Korean Defectors. The 15 intimate portraits and the stories of the brave people who decided to take that chance to flee to South Korea. The road to South Korea is dangerous and can take years with the many different borders of Mongolia, Laos, Thailand, and China. The people fleeing are filled with the fear of being arrested and sent back to labour camps. Once they arrive in South Korea, they often struggle to find a new identity, lost between their North Korean past and South Korean future. Tim Franco travelled to the crossing points, aiming to capture the diversity of landscape that is the background of North Korean defection. He chose to use an 8x10 camera with Polaroid film to capture each defector. In George Orwell's 1984, an unperson is someone who has been vaporized, whose record has been erased. As each defector begins their new life, they all start out as an Unperson. Defectors A Novel Simon and Schuster

Study on 'Humanities for Unification' started to find a new paradigm for unification under the reality of separated nation. Existing discussions about unification is conducting based on the premise of systematic, politic, and economic integration, and the reality is that it actually is fluctuating by the times. Humanities for Unification agreed on that the social-scientific discussion on unification has political and ideological limitations. Therefore, the Humanities for Unification can be a new field of study trying to identify unification issue in Korean peninsula and to find solutions for the issue based on people-centered idea of humanism. Human-centered discussion on unification can be understood as a concept largely expanded from the existing discussion on the issue. That is, the concept is not limited in Korean peninsula geographically but to include all Korean Diaspora. Thus, it includes both South and North Koreans as well as 7 millions of Korean people all over the world. Furthermore, it is not just satisfied with research activity only focusing on 'Unification as a result' but to aim at 'Unification as a whole process'. Therefore, the concept aims at not only the point of unification but also pursues integration of people which must be solved in the course of social integration after the unification. Thus, Humanities for Unification suggests 'communication, healing, and integration' as the main methodology. Based on spirit of humanism, it applies communication among social classes as well as individuals as the primary method. This kind of communication is possible by accepting difference between you and I and exploring common factors in the difference and by utilizing those factors. To do that, we need to identify reality of division trauma and to find out solutions to cure it. First of all, we can cure the division trauma that can be a cause of confliction between people by taking division narrative, which is hidden in the history, in which we gave unforgettable wound each other, out to the world and by suggesting combined narrative as a solution. And by intergrating systems and ideologies settled down in our society and by managing common things and differences in ideology, emotion and in living that lie in our everyday life, we hope that the integration of life can be expanded to social integration.

South Korean government provides North Korean defectors subsidized long-term housing, and only 30% of defectors move out of the provided housing. Although there are rooms for financial savings from housing, 70% of defectors continue to live in subsidized housings. Is low level of spatial assimilation related to other makers of assimilation? Does desirability to spatially assimilate make difference in other markers of assimilation? Interviews and surveys were conducted. Despite the low level of spatial assimilation, defectors showed progress in other markers of assimilation, and those that desired to move out of housing showed higher levels of assimilation in all markers. Recounts the activities of five men who defected between the two world wars and who variously, were ignored by Western intelligence services, assumed new identities, went widely public, and were hunted by the KGB and OGPU

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The stellar play and fascinating backstories of exiled Cuban sluggers and hurlers in Major League Baseball (MLB) has become one of the biggest headlines in America's national pastime. On-field exploits by colorful Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig, American League rookie-of-the-year José Abreu, home run derby champion Yoenis Céspedes, radar-gun busting Cincinnati fast-baller Aroldis Chapman, and a handful of others have been further enhanced by feel-good tales of desperate Cuban superstars risking their lives to escape Fidel Castro's communist realm and chase a celebrated American Dream of financial and athletic success. But a truly ugly underbelly to this story has also slowly emerged, one that involves human smuggling operations financed by Miami crime syndicates, operated by Mexican drug cartels, and conveniently ignored by big league ball clubs endlessly searching for fresh waves of international talent. In Cuba's Baseball Defectors: The Inside Story, Cuban baseball expert Peter C. Bjarkman reveals the complete truth behind the wave of Cuban big league talent coming to MLB. Given rare access to Cuba and its ballplayers, Bjarkman has spent over twenty years traveling to all corners of the island getting to know the top Cuban stars and witnessing their baseball struggles and triumphs. In this book, Bjarkman places recent events—including the apparent thaw in US-Cuba relations—in the context of Cuban baseball history and tradition before delving into the stories of the major Cuban stars who have left the island. He reveals the personal histories of these players, explains the events that led them to eventually choose defection from their homeland, and details their harrowing journeys to reach US shores and achieve baseball stardom. Players whose big league dreams failed are also discussed, as are Cuba's recent efforts to stem the defection tide through working agreements with the Japanese and Mexican leagues. Unique in its balanced perspective of Cuban baseball and its star players, Cuba's Baseball Defectors not only shares the author's first-hand

account of many previously misreported events, it also provides a view of the illegal smuggling of ballplayers from the perspective of Cuban baseball officials whose voices have often not been heard. With a conclusion outlining a likely scenario for future relations between Major League Baseball and the Cuban League, this book will fascinate baseball fans, those interested in the history of US-Cuba relations, and those wanting to learn more about the unsavory story of human trafficking in the name of baseball glory.

**\*\*Named one of the best books of 2015 by The Economist\*\*** Private Markets, Fashion Trends, Prison Camps, Dissenters and Defectors. North Korea is one of the most troubled societies on earth. The country's 24 million people live under a violent dictatorship led by a single family, which relentlessly pursues the development of nuclear arms, which periodically incites risky military clashes with the larger, richer, liberal South, and which forces each and every person to play a role in the "theater state" even as it pays little more than lip service to the wellbeing of the overwhelming majority. With this deeply anachronistic system eventually failed in the 1990s, it triggered a famine that decimated the countryside and obliterated the lives of many hundreds of thousands of people. However, it also changed life forever for those who survived. A lawless form of marketization came to replace the iron rice bowl of work in state companies, and the Orwellian mind control of the Korean Workers' Party was replaced for many by dreams of trade and profit. A new North Korea Society was born from the horrors of the era—one that is more susceptible to outside information than ever before with the advent of k-pop and video-carrying USB sticks. This is the North Korean society that is described in this book. In seven fascinating chapters, the authors explore what life is actually like in modern North Korea today for the ordinary "man and woman on the street." They interview experts and tap a broad variety of sources to bring a startling new insider's view of North Korean society—from members of Pyongyang's ruling families to defectors from different periods and regions, to diplomats and NGOs with years of experience in the country, to cross-border traders from neighboring China, and textual accounts appearing in English, Korean and Chinese sources. The resulting stories reveal the horror as well as the innovation and humor which abound in this fascinating country.

Ongoing ideological or political conflicts in the modern world have led to appalling human rights violations against North Korean defectors who attempt to escape from their repressive country and seek freedom. Although some North Korean defectors have survived the life-threatening escape journey and arrived in free countries, their overwhelming challenges have not yet ended, as they now face a range of issues and challenges in resettlement, adjustment, and learning process in new and competitive societies. North Korean Defectors in a New and Competitive Society articulates several hurdles that North Korean defectors encounter, from their long journey of escape to assimilation in their new homes. This book seeks to raise international awareness of human rights violations

against North Koreans, and to emphasize the importance of helping them overcome the substantial cultural gaps between North Korea and their new homes.

In 2002, North Korea passed market liberalization reforms that allowed market forces to determine food prices. In the years to follow, the number of North Korean defectors arriving in South Korea rose considerably, and the number of female defectors skyrocketed. This paper, which appears in *North Korean Review*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (Fall 2016), investigates the increase in female defectors from North Korea to South Korea. It uses satellite imagery to measure activity in North Korean markets, and demonstrates a correlation between night-time lights emitted by a black market in Sinuiju and female defection to South Korea through China. It concludes that the increase in North Korean female defectors is related to women's higher mobility, which is a benefit of their leading role in North Korean markets.

Perfect solitude is very much at the core of *The Defectors*, a book of odd and uncanny episodes about people trying to "defect" from reality.

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