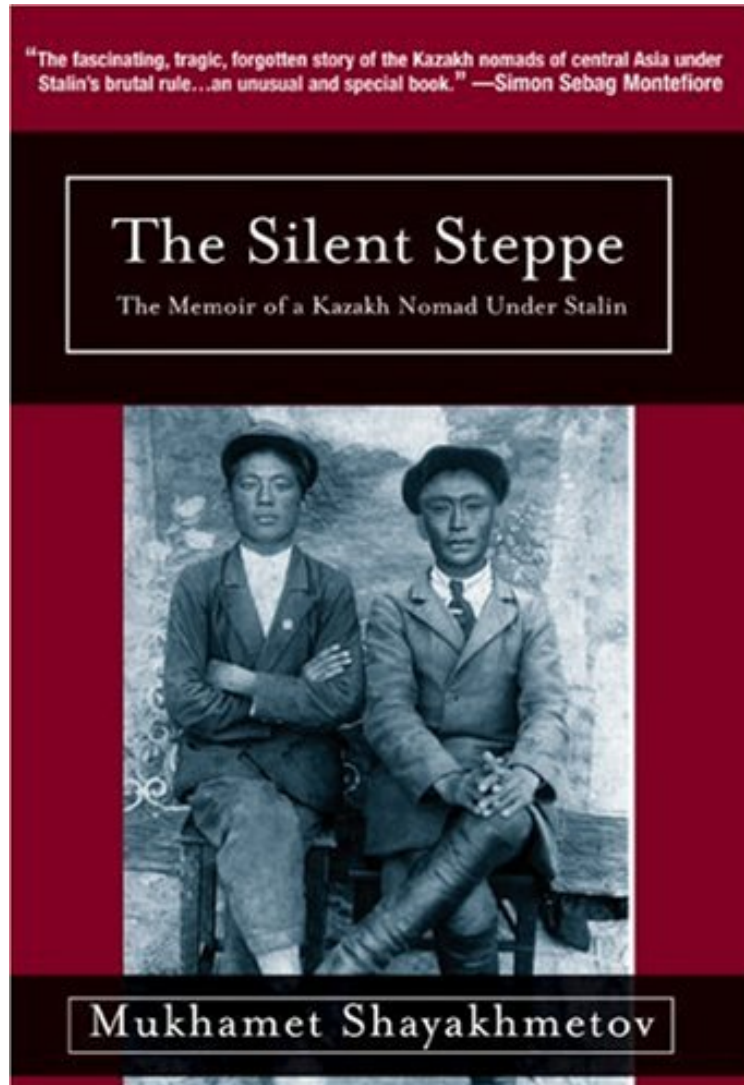


[Pdf free] Silent Steppe: The Memoir of a Kazakh Nomad Under Stalin

Silent Steppe: The Memoir of a Kazakh Nomad Under Stalin

Mukhamet Shayakhmetov

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#838881 in Books Overlook/Rookery 2007-10-04 2007-10-04Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.21 x 1.30 x 6.32l, 1.52 #File Name: 1585679550360 pages | File size: 54.Mb

Mukhamet Shayakhmetov : Silent Steppe: The Memoir of a Kazakh Nomad Under Stalin before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Silent Steppe: The Memoir of a Kazakh Nomad Under Stalin:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. A Must ReadBy Amber M. WhitleyThe Silent Steppe is perhaps the best book I've read detailing the plight of the Kazakh nomads under Stalin's rule. Shayakhmetov gives a heart breaking account of the famine, discrimination, and suffering of the 1930s. A smooth read, the narration is crisp and engaging and pulls the reader into the story. I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kazakhstan, and this book has gone a long way to helping me understand where the people came from and what they lived through. I would

recommended this without reservation to anyone interested in learning more about Kazakhstan or the devastation caused by the former Soviet Union.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tribute to the people of the SteppeBy The yellow dartIt was a beautiful story written with a restrained hand documenting the resilience and charitable culture of the nomadic people of Kazakhstan. Each generation needs to read this testament and remember what was. The heavy hand of the Soviet government is a caution to all peoples of the world. The means don't justify the ends.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great historical novelBy J. HyryThis is a very interesting picture of how it was for the Kazakhs during the time of Stalin, and how their culture was all but destroyed. The successful were reduced to poverty, having everything they valued taken away from them. This book shows how the former clan / family system was replaced by suspicion, lies, and terror, brother against brother. Very sad and enlightening.

This is a first-hand account of the genocide of the Kazakh nomads in the 1920s and 30s. Nominally Muslim, the Kazakhs and their culture owed as much to shamanism and paganism as they did to Islam. Their ancient traditions and economy depended on the breeding and herding of stock across the vast steppes of central Asia, and their independent, nomadic way of life was anathema to the Soviets. Seven-year-old Shayakhmetov and his mother and sisters were left to fend for themselves after his father was branded a "kulak" (well-off peasant and thus class enemy), stripped of his possessions, and sent to a prison camp where he died. In the following years the family traveled thousands of miles across Kazakhstan by foot, surviving on the charity of relatives. Told with dignity and detachment, this central Asian Wild Swans awakens the reader to the scale of suffering of millions of Kazakhs, and also astonishes and inspires as a most singular survivor's tale.