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Who Was Genghis Khan? Nico Medina , Andrew Thompson (Illustrations) , Nancy Harrison (Illustrations) Named Temujin at birth by his nomadic family in early Mongolia, the great Genghis Khan used his skill and cunning to create the Mongol Empire and conquer almost the entire continent of Asia. As ruler of the largest empire in human history, he was as respected as he was feared. Learn more about the man and the legend in Who Was Genghis Khan?

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AMY says

106 pages. Great biography on a very powerful person from Asian history. I knew a little about him, but did not know all the background of his early life. That must have been a difficult time in history to survive and make a name for yourself in terms of leadership. I think it can get kind of brutal at times and younger kids might not be able to process it all. I would recommend it to high level 5th grade readers and above. Highly recommended.

Namor says

Quick and easy overview of Temujin's life in the steppes of Mongolia. But still detailed enough to see his hardships and motivations, how he united the tribes, and how he was able to win militarily. It's a good outline to see what aspects and periods of his life and rise that I'm most interested in.

Emma says

Brutal times, man.

Caden says

A nicely illustrated and pretty detailed book. Useful.

Anita says

Before there was Game of Thrones, there was Genghis Kahn.

Aidan says

Genghis Khan revolutionized the Mongolian world and made fair rules. I think that this is a pretty good book and explains Genghis Khan's life pretty well. I recommend this book to anyone who likes learning about important people.

Yvonne says

This book was full of information that I had no idea about. I didn't know what a great military mind he had

or that he started a postal system and created a written language for his people. Very interesting story of his life.

Gabriel Kitzman says

it was a good book with a lot of info

Rejoice Tapon says

This is such a good book, I love it.

Genghis Khan is fearless and has tactics.

He treated his people right and was reasonable with slaves. He allowed freedom of religion.

He was intelligent to put hunting seasons so that baby animals can grow.

He was not greedy as many of our African leaders today; he shared the wealth.

Of course, all these things doesn't make him a saint. He was a killer, but that's what people of those times did to survive.

Montzalee Wittmann says

WOW, awesome book!

This is filled with so much information about this determined man, wow, I only knew about 1 percent of the info before reading this great book. This book has lots of detail and great art. Great job.

Juliet says

Children's Biography

3rd-6th grade

Genghis Khan. I've heard this name and references to him but did not know much about him. The biography starts in 1179 and drops us right into the action of when Temujin (not yet Genghis Khan) and his wife experience a life changing event. We go back in time to get his background as a child and then are thrust forward into this ancient legend. Temujin's life is extraordinary from his resourcefulness and the dramatic battle for resources and survival. As the plot goes on, the biography stalls a bit and becomes very complex and hard to follow. It is an interesting overview of his very complicated life. As a former ancient history teacher, this biography addresses the contrasting nature of ancient times. For example, Khan is kind and fair

to his slaves but also has no problem murdering and looting.

This is part of the "Who was..." series. The cover is attractive in a modern bobble head style portrait; Genghis Khan is dressed for battle on his tiny horse. The design choice is a modern nod to collectible toys. There are lots of illustrations, maps, and breakout text like "The Mongol War Machine" which gives more information on logistics of war and why they were so successful. This is beneficial to the reader because it is of a time period so far away and removed from modern life that it is hard to imagine. Even as an adult reading this, I needed the extra visuals to follow along. The print is large to grab the reader in a pseudo comic book style. I would recommend this book to students that are interested in history and war.

Janete says

God bless the audiobooks. Just a few hours and then my listening in English is getting better and better. Re-read this book for the third time along with the audiobook.

Joan says

This is a competent biography of someone who lived so long ago as to be the stuff of legend. Genghis Khan's culture was illiterate. However, he conquered areas that were literate and was bright enough to learn from the people he conquered. It seems that he had a strong ethical code and enforced it. It was a brutal code but not nearly as brutal as life had been up to his code. His kingdom continued and was expanded by his sons and possibly their sons, although the text doesn't say. One thing he learned was to use written language to spread fear of himself and his people, otherwise known as propaganda. Much of this book seems based on a transcript called "The Secret History of the Mongols", which is a formerly lost transcript with an unknown author. The author candidly agrees no one knows what Genghis Khan looks like since he refused to have his likeness painted while alive.

This is a decent biography of someone who is still known throughout the world. The "Who Was..." has always been an excellent series.

Violet says

It's very interesting and informative. That's all I have to say. ?

Alisha says

I felt like other MG readers similar to this were better. This was sort of hard to follow, somehow, and I didn't feel like I had a good picture of Genghis Khan at the end. Well, I am not totally unfamiliar with him, but I think a kid reading this would still be very confused. Not a terrible book, but not as clear as I had hoped for a middle-grade reader.
