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Synopsis

He was one of history's greatest conquerors, and in his day, his name was a byword for terror. His forces burned great cities to the ground and slaughtered on a scale that verged on genocide. Yet there was also another side to Genghis Khan; he modernized the laws and customs of his people and unified much of Eurasia, furthering the trade and cultural exchange of the Great Silk Road. For these accomplishments, he is today celebrated as the greatest hero of the Mongolian people. In this essential new biography, Alexander Kennedy examines Genghis Khan in all his facets: conqueror and diplomat, warlord and lawgiver, father and son, butcher and hero. We see Temüjin's rise from the kidnapped son of a clan chief to the ruler of a united Mongol horde, the Genghis Khan. But we also see the human cost of his quest: the fallen cities of Bukhara and Samarkand, the devastation of Northern China, and the shaky empire he left behind him. Through Kennedy's piercing analysis, we gradually separate fact from fiction until we at last glimpse the real Genghis Khan, in all his terrible glory. "Be of one mind and one faith, that you may conquer your enemies and lead long and happy lives." - Genghis Khan

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Genghis Khan (/ˈdʒɪŋɡɪs ˈkɑːn/, often pronounced /ˈdʒɪŋɡɪs ˈkɑːn/;[4][5] Mongolian pronunciation: [tʃiŋɡɪs xɑŋɡɑː] (listen)) c. 1162 – August 18, 1227, born Temüjin, was the founder and Great Khan (Emperor) of the Mongol Empire, which became the largest contiguous empire in history after his death. He came to power by uniting many of the nomadic tribes of Northeast Asia. After founding the Empire and being proclaimed "Genghis Khan", he started the Mongol invasions that conquered most of Eurasia. These included raids of the Qara Khitai, Caucasus, Khwarezm Empire, Western Xia and Jin dynasties. These campaigns were often accompanied by wholesale massacres of the civilian populations – especially in the Khwarezmian and Xia controlled lands. By the end of his life, the Mongol Empire occupied a substantial portion of Central Asia and China. Before Genghis Khan died, he assigned Ögedei Khan as his successor and split his empire into khanates among his sons and grandsons.[6] He died in 1227 after defeating the Western Xia. He was buried in an unmarked grave somewhere in Mongolia.[7] His descendants extended the Mongol Empire across most of Eurasia by conquering or creating vassal states in all of modern-day China, Korea, the Caucasus, Central Asia, and substantial portions of modern Eastern Europe, Russia, and Southwest Asia. Many of these invasions repeated the earlier large-scale slaughters of local populations. As a result, Genghis Khan and his empire have a fearsome reputation in local histories.[8] Beyond his military accomplishments, Genghis Khan also advanced the Mongol Empire in other ways. He decreed the adoption of the Uyghur script as the Mongol Empire's writing system.

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