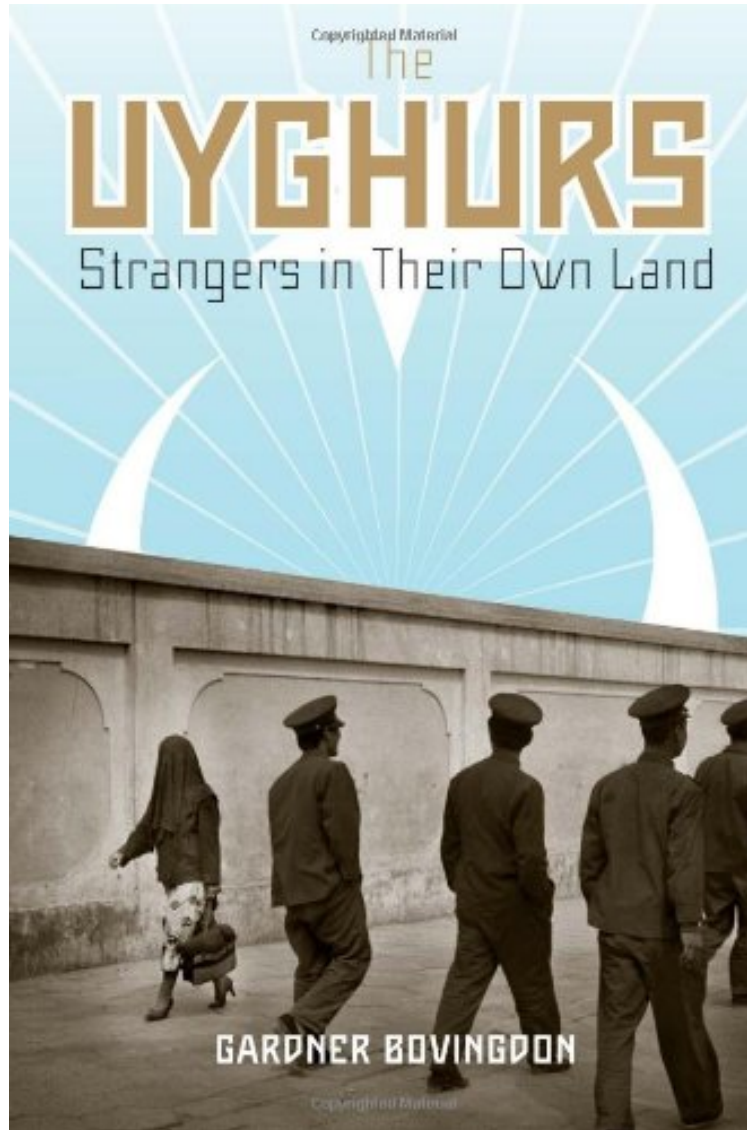


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12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating ReadBy S. W.A Chinese major in college, I decided to seek out a book on the Uyghur ethnic minority, a topic of deep interest to me.I knew very little on the topic so I decided to pick a book somewhat at random. This book proved to be an informative and entertaining read about the Uyghur population. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in China or Uyghur culture.12 of 29 people found

the following review helpful. Not balanced at all. Extremely pro-separatist and even sinophobic ...By HowieNot balanced at all. Extremely pro-separatist and even sinophobic. I've been to the regions multiple times. Sure there are tensions, but it's not exactly black and white as portrayed in the book, Xinjiang is a very diverse place, there's a lot of gray in the middle. There's definitely a divide between northern vs. southern Xinjiang, the former is more developed, industrialized, and ethnically diverse than the latter and also urban vs. rural Uyghur aspirations. The author shouldn't just put everything in one box. In my travel in Xinjiang, I got the sense that there's definitely a whole spectrum of people's views on the prospect of Xinjiang's development, some are concerned, some are bitter, anti-government, some are critical, and some are helpful. The point is it's a mixed bag. There's people on the fringe who resent the government and there's also moderates. Besides, the separatist blue flag on the cover already says too much about where the author stands even before you open the book. My suggestion is go visit the region on your own with an open mind, and you'll get a whole spectrum of views. As a serious academic, Bovingdon show provide all sides of the story.

For more than half a century many Uyghurs, members of a Muslim minority in northwestern China, have sought to achieve greater autonomy or outright independence. Yet the Chinese government has consistently resisted these efforts, countering with repression and a sophisticated strategy of state-sanctioned propaganda emphasizing interethnic harmony and Chinese nationalism. After decades of struggle, Uyghurs remain passionate about establishing and expanding their power within government, and China's leaders continue to push back, refusing to concede any physical or political ground. Beginning with the history of Xinjiang and its unique population of Chinese Muslims, Gardner Bovingdon follows fifty years of Uyghur discontent, particularly the development of individual and collective acts of resistance since 1949, as well as the role of various transnational organizations in cultivating dissent. Bovingdon's work provides fresh insight into the practices of nation building and nation challenging, not only in relation to Xinjiang but also in reference to other regions of conflict. His work highlights the influence of international institutions on growing regional autonomy and underscores the role of representation in nationalist politics, as well as the local, regional, and global implications of the "war on terror" on antistate movements. While both the Chinese state and foreign analysts have portrayed Uyghur activists as Muslim terrorists, situating them within global terrorist networks, Bovingdon argues that these assumptions are flawed, drawing a clear line between Islamist ideology and Uyghur nationhood.

The Uyghurs: Strangers in Their Own Land adds substantially to the comprehension of the wider implications of contentious politics in Xinjiang. (Henryk Szadziewski Asia Sentinel) A fascinating book, delving into the historical identity of the Uyghurs and their position within the modern Chinese state. (Andrew Galbraith China Economic)...the book is strongly recommended to anyone interested in nationalism, ethnic identities and inter-ethnic relations in China and Central Asia. (China Journal) About the Author Gardner Bovingdon is an assistant professor in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University.