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**Xiaobing Li : China's Battle for Korea: The 1951 Spring Offensive (Twentieth-Century Battles)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised China's Battle for Korea: The 1951 Spring Offensive (Twentieth-Century Battles):

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. The Other Side of the Hill By Jim Wood The Other Side. Good account from the Chinese command side of the decision to intervene and the errors and misjudgments that led to destruction of the army. Yet the political goals of Mao and the party were fulfilled in many aspects. Excellent situationing of the war in the early Cold War based upon Chinese sources and hundreds of interviews with survivors. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Korean War, Korean War 1951 Spring battles, May Massacre, Chinese Spring Offensive, By Jerri Garofalo This is one of the most amazing books! It provides another accounting using a variety of views and supporting evidences to share what really happened during the Spring of 1951, in the hills near the No Name Line and 38th parallel of Korea. This period of the Korean War has remained pretty elusive, leaving even those who fought there and still living still trying to understand what happened there. I base my review on the fact that this area of the Korean War is a special area of research for me. Between my large collection of Korean War books, Official US military records, and numerous interviews with US military veterans who were there, I can honestly place this exceptional, well documented book, written by a reputable historian at the top of my list. I highly recommend it! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Book from the other side of the Front Line. By Michael B. I was hoping for more of a company and regiment description from the soldiers in the PLA in the Korea War but found only a scattering number through out the book. The discussion about the movements and battles of the Chinese Army Groups, Armies and Divisions is well discussed. The Chinese losses for some of the Chinese offenses are also very interesting and how the UN forces overcame their numerical superiority in numbers. Also the maps are small and could have been done better by making them cover the area of the offense battles (They were full Korea maps on half of the page with arrows showing the different army thrusts for that time). Overall I found it very interesting to find out what the other side was thinking at the time. Still don't understand why the Chinese believe they won the war. The losses they suffered during these offenses up to June 1951 were terrible.

Between November 1950 and the end of fighting in June 1953, China launched six major offensives against UN forces in Korea. The most important of these began on April 22, 1951, and was the largest Communist military operation of the war. The UN forces put up a strong defense, prevented the capture of the South Korean capital of Seoul, and finally pushed the Chinese back above the 38th parallel. After China's defeat in this epic five-week battle, Mao Zedong and the Chinese leadership became willing to conclude the war short of total victory. *China's Battle for Korea* offers new perspectives on Chinese decision making, planning, and execution; the roles of command, political control, and technology; and the interaction between Beijing, Pyongyang, and Moscow, while providing valuable insight into Chinese military doctrine and the reasons for the UN's military success.

[T]his book is a compelling read that will appeal to both the generalist and the specialist. (American Historical) *China's Battle for Korea* provides a detailed and thorough analysis of the CPVF's fifth campaign, the reasons for its failure, and the consequences for the Korean War and the Chinese military. It joins Harold Tanner's *The Battle for Manchuria and the Fate of China* . . . as two recent additions on Chinese military history from the University of Indiana Press's *Twentieth-Century Battles* series. This is an encouraging trend as works such as Xiaobing Li's have much to tell us about the Chinese side of the Korean War. (Pacific Affairs) A leader of the community of expatriate Chinese scholars, editor, compiler, and translator of note, Li Xiaobing has now produced the 'big book' all of us with Korean War interests expected. . . . *China's Battle for Korea* is a major contribution to Korean War historiography and, one hopes, a promise of more books on the CPVF in English to come. (Journal of Chinese Military History) The author has written widely on the Korean War, and his expertise shows in this detailed study of the Chinese military. Little has been published in English about the Chinese point of view and their decision-making processes; this book goes a long way toward redressing that imbalance. The author uses Chinese archival material extensively, as well as American and other accounts, to present a balanced presentation of the Korean War. (Military Heritage) Xiaobing Li has made a major contribution to English-language scholarship on the Korean War. The source material and other evidence assembled here will greatly benefit students and researchers. . . . *China's Battle for Korea* should be the starting point for anyone interested in the Chinese side of the Korean conflict. (Michigan War Studies) One of the limitations of much that has been written about the Korean War in English has been a serious lack of analysis of Chinese sources. As in his previous works, Xiaobing Li shows that even in a one-party state like the PRC there is much useful material available to be interpreted by those with the requisite diligence and linguistic capability. In analyzing the 1951 spring offensive in as much depth as the sources allow from the Chinese rather than the American perspective he is making a major and very necessary contribution to the history of the Korean War. (S. P. MacKenzie author of *The Imjin and Kapyong Battles, Korea, 1951* (IUP, 2013)) About the Author Xiaobing Li is Professor and Chair of the Department of History and Geography and Director of the Western Pacific Institute at the University of Central Oklahoma. He is author, editor, or co-author of *China at War; A History of the Modern Chinese Army; Voices from the Korean War: Personal Stories of American, Korean, and Chinese Soldiers* (with Richard Peters); *Mao's Generals Remember Korea* (with Allan R. Millett); and other books and articles on the Korean War. He served in the

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