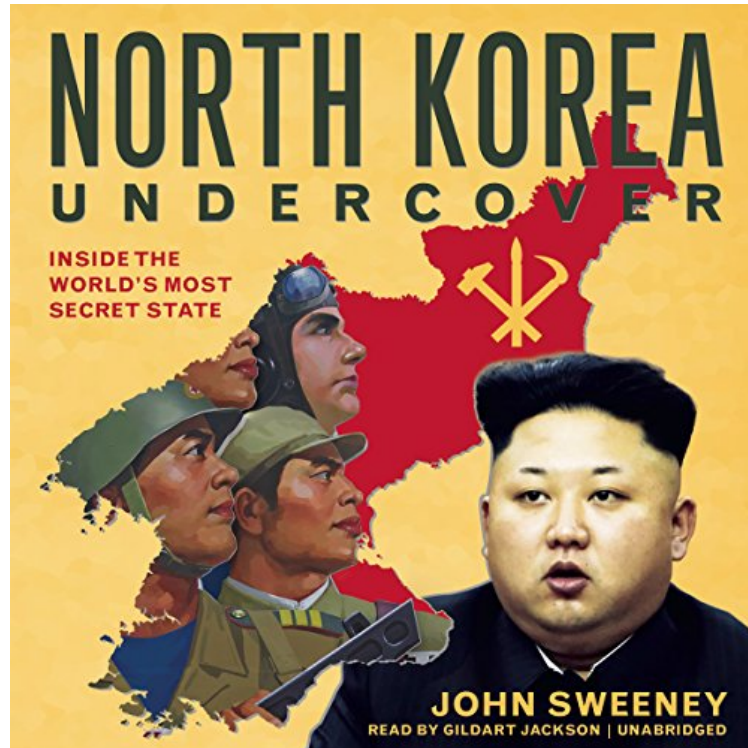


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Award-winning BBC journalist John Sweeney is one of the few foreign journalists to have witnessed the devastating reality of life in the controversial and isolated nation of North Korea. Having entered the country undercover, Sweeney posed as a university professor with a group of students from the London School of Economics. Drawing on his own experiences and extensive interviews with defectors and key witnesses, Sweeney's *North Korea Undercover* provides a rare insight into life in North Korea today while examining the country's troubled history and addressing important questions about its uncertain future.

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