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book I have ever seen about this subject, and I couldn't help thinking as I read it that human history is, in many ways, a script that has been played over and over in various settings and times. It's a tired old story of suffering, struggle, ruthless power and greed, and destructive wars. I believe the only way we will we learn the lessons from the past that we need in order to progress is to understand on a deep level what drives human society, and I believe *Two Kinds of Time* is a book that can help us toward that path. I'm thankful that there was such an intelligent pair of eyes recording all of this, and I hope this book will be widely read. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A bonus for those who have obtained the original edition is the large number of fine illustrations. By M. C. Sander This is a classic of reportage on China in the 1940s. Few outsiders knew China as well as Graham Peck. The book is long, but the anecdotes and insights reward the patient reader. A bonus for those who have obtained the original edition is the large number of fine illustrations.

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