

# Table of Contents

## *A Brief History of Korea*

<b>Foreword</b>	4
-----------------	---

### **Chapter 1**

#### **The Ancient Kingdoms**

1. Characteristics of Korean History	10
2. The Origin of Koreans and the Early States	17
3. The Formation and Development of the Three Kingdoms	23
4. Political and Social Structures of the Three Kingdoms	31

### **Chapter 2**

#### **The Emergence of a Unified State**

1. The Birth and Development of a Unified State	42
2. Balhae's Dominion over Manchuria	53
3. Korea's Second Unification and Struggles against Mongolia	58

---

---

### Chapter 3

## Joseon(Yi) Dynasty in Pre-modern Times

1. The Founding and Development of the Joseon Dynasty 72
2. The Rise of *Sarim*(rural Neo-Confucian literati) and Struggle  
Against Foreign Intruders 83
3. Changes in Society and Culture of Late Joseon 91

### Chapter 4

## The Transition toward a Modern Society

1. Efforts for Modernization and Ensuing Conflicts 104
2. Japan's Colonial Rule and Nationalist Movement 119

### Chapter 5

## Modern Society: The Development of the Republic of Korea and Pursuit of Inter-Korean Rapprochement

1. Division and Confrontation 132
2. The Development of the Republic of Korea 137

- Index** 142
-