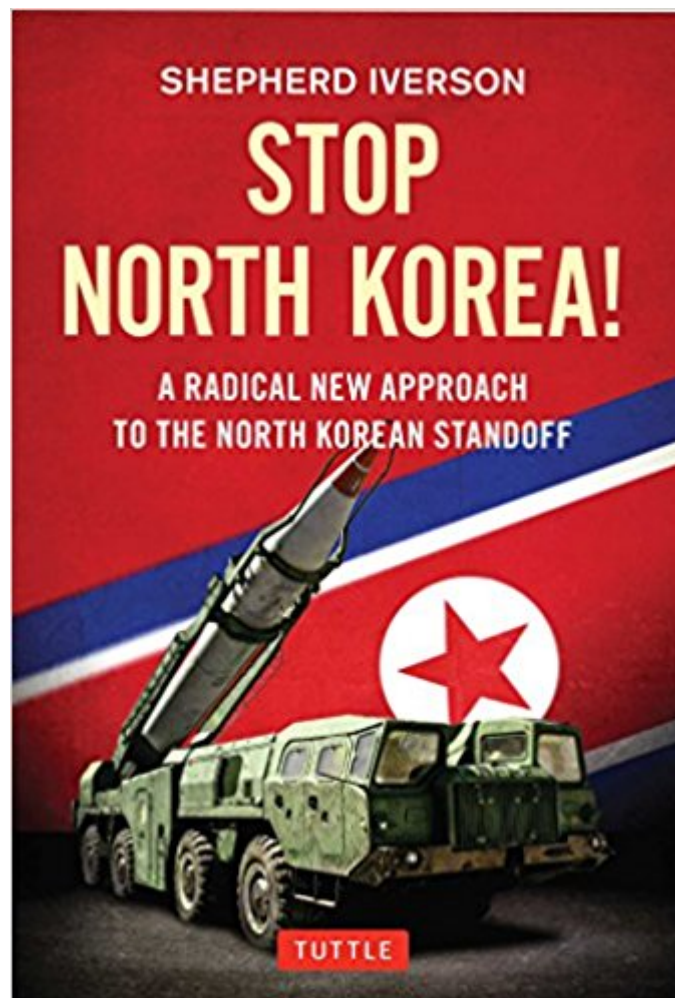




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Shepherd Iverson is a professor at Inha University in Incheon, Korea, where he has lived with his family for the past eight years. He is also the author of *One Korea: A Proposal for Peace* (2013).

This amazing, extremely well researched, and timely book was written by an American professor who has been living in South Korea for years. An obvious expert on the subject, Prof. Iverson has been thinking about the North Korean problem long before the world has taken much notice of the situation. He has predicted much of what has happened and the very culmination of events that we seem to be experiencing now. His proposed solution is both radically unique and yet perhaps the only viable path to a peaceful way out! If you think this is unorthodox or an unlikely long-shot, just take notice to how many political journalists have started to respond to Iverson's ideas with sincere urgency. Katharine Whittemore of the *Boston Globe* compares Iverson's solution to the Marshall Plan and calls it safer than the alternatives. Given the increasingly concerning war posture and ratcheted-up rhetoric of both Trump and Kim Jong Un, our world is in dire need of an alternative peaceful approach to resolving the North Korean conflict. Iverson offers us exactly that. Highly recommended!

I did read the book and know the author has lived in Korean, though not the North. I found the overall approach refreshingly unconventional as I have always counted on from Shepherd. The book was written and researched before the current "showdown" with the world, but Shep proves once again that he is a few steps ahead of the world. While it is not the definitive answer to "the Korea Question" (or questions) it does throw another solution into the mix. Sometimes not following orthodoxy IS the way out of a world that is walking a tightrope on the edge of chaos. Pick it up, read it, and think about the subject. Found the Korea-PRC-Japan discussion interesting. Worth the read--enjoyed the different perspective (even if I do not always share the same world view--I found the approach less radical but more intriguing. For my lack of "specifics" in this review, I really do want others to read it rather than hear my rehash or my other personal views. Nice work Dr. Shep!

This is not a "review," as the book (printed) is not available yet. Therefore, I gave it an average rating, which I will update after reading the book. But, my concern is that, after reading the "Look Inside" excerpts, I don't see where the author has actually been to the DPRK. That Rudyard Kiplingesque "gone native" comment in the preface certainly didn't help. Maybe I missed it, or his personal experiences in the country are there in some other part.

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