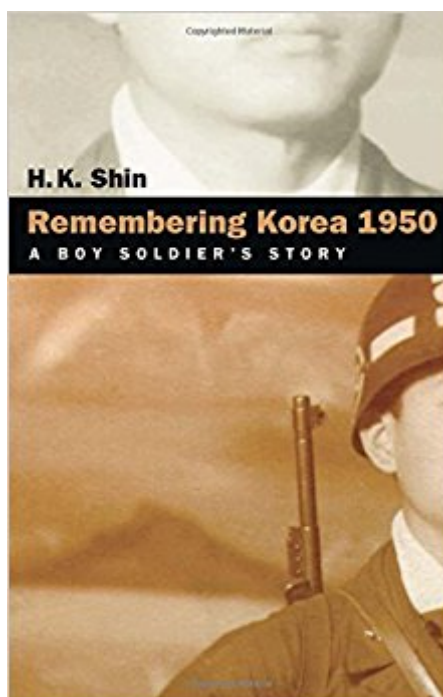


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Synopsis

When the North Korean army invaded South Korea in 1950, H.K. Shin was a 16-year-old high-school student. He ended up alone in Pusan, a refugee without resources or any means of support. To save himself from destitution, he lied about his age and volunteered for service in the South Korean army.

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