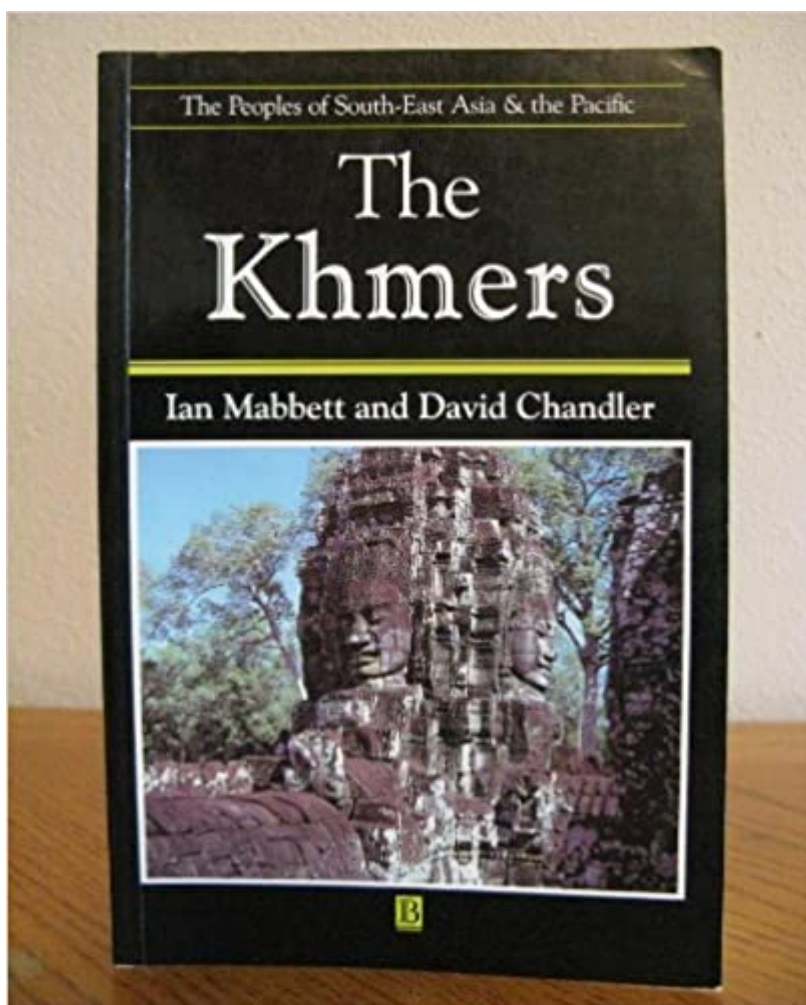


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continued over many centuries. By the eleventh century the empire claimed dominion over large parts of Thailand, Vietnam and Laos. The authors describe its organization, the daily life of kings, priests and farmers, and the work of the craftsmen who created in stone and bronze the imperial and religious centres of power. One enormous temple housed no fewer than 24,000 deities. During the fifteenth century, constantly harried by their neighbours in Thailand, the Khmer rulers moved their capital from the interior to Phnom Penh at the confluence of the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers. From then on Cambodia was a minor state at the mercy of its neighbours in Thailand and Vietnam, subject to invasions by rival enemies over a period that has continued almost to the present. Independence from the French in 1953 opened up a fresh era of suffering. Political instability was exacerbated by incursions from the Vietnam war; by 1970 most of the country was under the control of Chinese-backed guerrillas. Phnom Penh fell to the communists in April 1975 and within two years the Khmer Rouge had all but destroyed the country. In 1979 for the first time in their long history the population welcomed an invasion by the Vietnamese. The Khmers is a readable and vivid account of its fascinating subject. It is fully illustrated with maps and photographs, and concludes with a detailed account of further reading by subject.

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