

In the Shadow of the Mongol Empire

During the thirteenth century, the Mongols created the greatest empire in human history. Genghis Khan and his successors brought death and destruction to Eurasia. They obliterated infrastructure, devastated cities, and exterminated peoples. They also created courts in China, Persia, and southern Russia, famed throughout the world as centers of wealth, learning, power, religion, and lavish spectacle. The great Mongol houses established standards by which future rulers in Eurasia would measure themselves for centuries. In this ambitious study, David M. Robinson traces how in the late fourteenth century the newly established Ming dynasty (1368–1644) in China crafted a narrative of the fallen Mongol empire. To shape the perceptions and actions of audiences at home and abroad, the Ming court tailored its narrative of the Mongols to prove that it was the rightful successor to the Mongol empire. This is a story of how politicians exploit historical memory for their own gain.

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Abbreviations

<i>Annals</i>	Choi Byonghyon, <i>The Annals of King T'aejo</i>
<i>BTGZ</i>	<i>Beijing tushuguan guji zhenben congkan</i>
<i>CHC</i>	<i>Cambridge History of China</i>
<i>CWS</i>	<i>Chosŏn wangjo sillok T'aejo sillok</i>
<i>DMB</i>	Goodrich and Fang, eds., <i>Dictionary of Ming Biography</i>
<i>DMTZ</i>	Zhu Yuanzhang, <i>Da Ming Taizu huangdi yu zhi ji</i>
<i>DVSK</i>	<i>Đại Việt sử ký toàn thư</i> (Chongqing and Beijing, 2015 edition)
<i>EHHWZ</i>	Sun Jimin, ed., <i>E cang Heishuicheng Hanwen fei Fojiao wenxian zhengli</i>
<i>EHWX</i>	<i>E cang Heishuicheng wenxian</i>
<i>GCDG</i>	Deng Shilong, ed., <i>Guo chao dian gu</i>
<i>GCXZ</i>	Jiao Hong, ed., <i>Guo chao xian zheng lu</i>
<i>GQ</i>	Tan Qian, <i>Guo que</i>
<i>HCW</i>	Li Yiyu, ed., <i>Heicheng chutu wenshu</i>
<i>HFLB</i>	<i>Han fen lou bi ji</i>
<i>HGMJ</i>	<i>Han'guk munjip ch'onggan,</i>
<i>HGYT</i>	<i>Han'guk Yŏktae munjip ch'ongsŏ</i>
<i>HMZL</i>	Fu Fengxiang, ed., <i>Huang Ming zhao ling</i>
<i>HMZZ</i>	Kong Zhenyun, ed., <i>Huang Ming zhao zhi</i>
<i>HSCYSP</i>	<i>Eluosi guoli Aiermitashi bowuguan cang Heishucheng yishupin</i>
<i>HYYY</i>	<i>Hua yi yi yu</i>
<i>JSLJZ</i>	Li Xinfeng, <i>Jishilu jianzheng</i>
<i>KS</i>	<i>Koryŏsa</i>
<i>KSCY</i>	<i>Koryŏsa choryŏ</i>
<i>MCKG</i>	<i>Mingchao kaiguo wenxian</i>
<i>MHWYB</i>	Zhu Yuanzhang, <i>Ming Hongwu yubi</i>
<i>MS</i>	Zhang Tingyu, et al., eds., <i>Ming shi</i>
<i>MSSL</i>	Yang Xueke, <i>Ming shi shi lu</i>
<i>MTHQ</i>	Zhu Yuanzhang, <i>Ming Taizu huangdi qinlu</i>
<i>MTZSL</i>	<i>Ming Taizu shilu</i>
<i>MYZSL</i>	<i>Ming Yingzong shilu</i>
<i>MZZC</i>	<i>Mingdai zhuanji ziliao congkan</i>

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<i>NCL</i>	Zhu Yuanzhang, <i>Ni chen lu</i>
<i>SKCM</i>	<i>Sikuan Quanshu cunmu congshu</i>
<i>SKJH</i>	<i>Siku quanshu jinhuishu congkan</i>
<i>SLQJ</i>	Song Lian, <i>Song Lian quan ji</i>
<i>XLZC</i>	<i>Xiaoling zhao chi</i>
<i>XXSK</i>	<i>Xuxiu Siku quanshu</i>
<i>YHB</i>	Shen Defu, <i>Wanli yehuo bian</i>
<i>YS</i>	Song Lian, et al., eds., <i>Yuan shi</i>
<i>YSC</i>	<i>Yunnan shiliao congkan</i>
<i>YSTBJ</i>	Wang Shizhen, <i>Yanshantang bie ji</i>
<i>YWHJ</i>	<i>Yuwai Hanji zhenben wenku</i>
<i>YYZH</i>	<i>Yuanshi yanjiu ziliao huibian</i>
<i>ZHW</i>	<i>Zhongguo cang Heishuicheng wenxian</i>