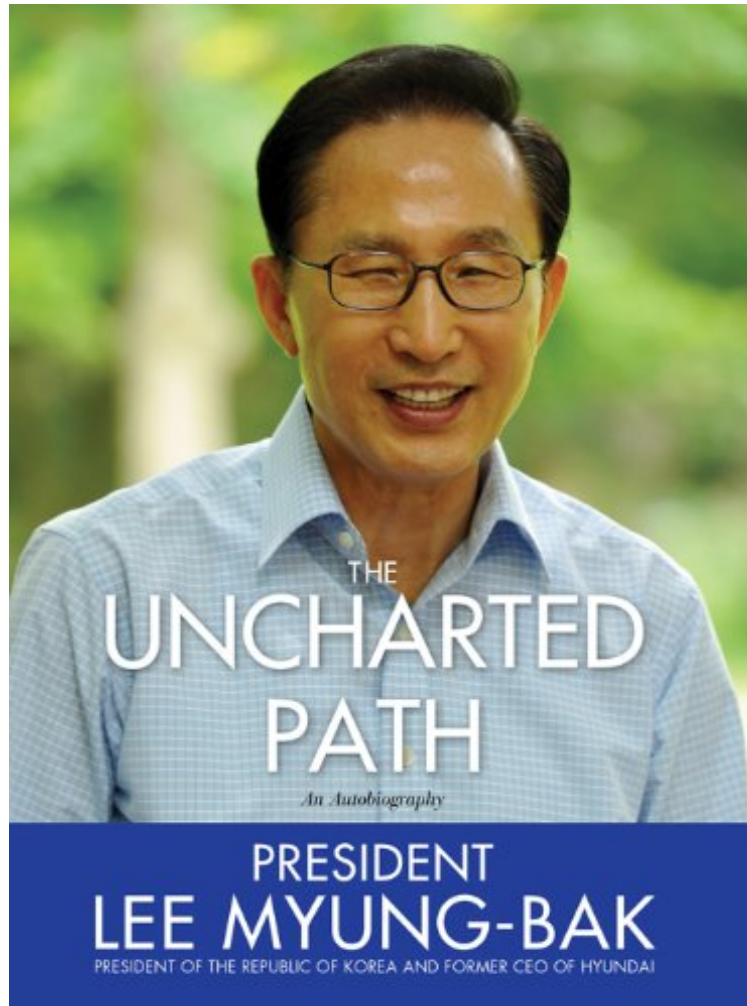


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never let poverty smother us."(Chapter 1, The strength of poverty)0 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting biography of Lee's life and his rise to ...By David J. WallaceVery interesting biography of Lee's life and his rise to the top of Hyundai. I was hoping for some material about his rise in politics and found none. Bottom line of the book, earnest hard work and ability may be rewarded.14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Vauous - Mostly 'Palace Intrigues'By Loyd EskildsonI eagerly picked up this book because I assumed it would provide insights into how Korea has achieved one of the world's fastest-growing economies, and how Hyundai had become such a global conglomerate/behemoth. Unfortunately, it did neither. Mr. Lee's autobiography is essentially limited to his personal schooling (impressive), his parents (very hard working), and side issues while working for Hyundai Construction.Korean construction companies have established an admirable track record for speed and low-cost - eg. both Korea and China can construct nuclear reactors much faster than other nations - giving them an international competitive advantage as well as the ability to price nuclear power within their own nations at much lower rates. However, absolutely no insights on how this is accomplished in 'The Uncharted Path.' Korea's record of government leadership in transforming its economy from a third-world agricultural entity, at best, is another source of valuable material. No insight here either.Bottom-Line: The book isn't worth reading.

Born poor in the wake of the Korean War, Lee Myung-Bak was destined for a live of poverty. But through intelligence and self-determination, he excelled in school, putting himself through college hauling garbage six times a day to pay for tuition. He then took a low-level job at Hyundai, then an organization of about 90 people. Through a relentless work ethic and inability to compromise his beliefs, he rose to the role of CEO and found himself on a mission not just to expand the Hyundai corporation, but to grow South Korea from a nation of poverty to a G20 economy. The Uncharted Path is the story of a man and nation driven to greatness by a conviction to liberty, commerce, and the belief that at the root of every success lies extreme perseverance and uncompromising principles. These principles and lessons would lead not only to success in business, but developed a refreshing and unique perspective on the state of our globalizing world, and how nations and business must operate together to improve the lives of people everywhere.

"Seen from the perspective of our own entitlement culture, Lee Myung-bak's attitude seems almost inhuman: Whether hauling garbage at the break of dawn, or barking orders from the corner office at Hyundai, he repeatedly pushed himself to the point of collapse and even hospitalization. Yet Lee sees nothing particularly special about his sacrifices: Among South Koreans of his generation, there were millions of Lee Myung-baks, men and women who put aside horrible war memories to build a better life for their children." - The National Post"Lee's story of his rise is one of absolute commitment to sacrifice and hard work-not uncommon attributes of his generation. " - KirkusAbout the AuthorLee Myung-bak's election as president of the Republic of Korea in 2007 marked the capstone of a remarkable career for this energetic and visionary leader. Born into poverty in 1941, Lee briefly participated in the student activist movement of 1964 before going on to join the fledgling Hyundai Engineering and Construction Company the next year. Little more than a decade later he had risen to become CEO of what was by then a multinational corporation famous for its construction projects in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. After leaving Hyundai in 1992, Lee served two terms in the Korean National Assembly before being elected mayor of Seoul in 2002. As 10th president of the Republic, he has made "Green Growth" and sustainable development keystones of his administration, and hosted the G20 summit in Seoul in December 2010.