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A collection of short stories by North Korean authors, offering a rare insight into the everyday lives, struggles, and human experiences of ordinary North Koreans amid societal and political challenges

Hidden Heroes is a collection of short stories from the 1980s to present that unveil the lives of ordinary North Koreans. Through themes of identity, community, and power, it reveals a complex society, offering readers a nuanced understanding beyond prevailing stereotypes.

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The intended readership is academic and the book will certainly be used as part of a number of DPRK- or socialism-related classes in Anglophone universities across multiple fields (area/cultural studies, literary studies, political science, anthropology, international relations, history). But the stories are also broad and engaging enough to appeal to any reader with an interest in North Korea or communism.

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