

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

*{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}*

### June's Topic: The Mongols

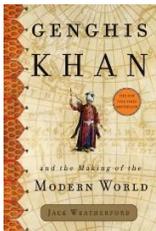
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

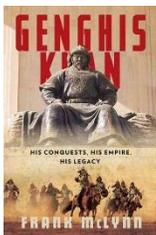
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Mongols. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

#### Books:



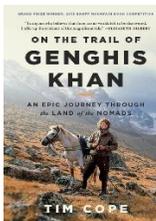
**[Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World](#) by Jack Weatherford – 950.21 WEA**

A re-evaluation of Genghis Khan's rise to power examines the reforms the conqueror instituted throughout his empire and his uniting of East and West, which set the foundation for the nation-states and economic systems of the modern era.



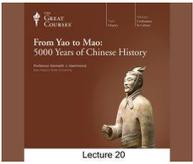
**[Genghis Khan: His Conquests, His Empire, His Legacy](#) by Frank McLynn – 950.2092 MCL**

Mongol leader Genghis Khan was by far the greatest conqueror the world has ever known. His empire stretched from the Pacific Ocean to central Europe, including all of China, the Middle East, and Russia. So how did an illiterate nomad rise to such colossal power and subdue most of the known world, eclipsing Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, and Napoleon? Credited by some with paving the way for the Renaissance, condemned by others for being the most heinous murderer in history, who was Genghis Khan?



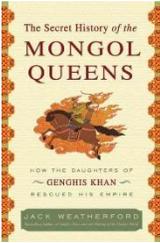
**[On the Trail of Genghis Khan: An Epic Journey Through the Land of the Nomads](#) by Tim Cope – eBook on [eIndiana](#)\* or in print from [Evergreen Indiana](#)\***

Guided by a Kazakh aphorism—"To understand the wolf, you must put the skin of a wolf on and look through its eyes"—adventurer Tim Cope undertook a journey not successfully completed since the days of Genghis Khan: he traveled by horseback across the entire length of the Eurasian steppe, from the ancient capital of Mongolia to the Danube River in Hungary.



**[The Rise of the Mongols](#) by Great Courses – audiobook on [hoopla](#)\***

This lecture recounts the story of Temujin, known to history as Genghis Khan, and his rise to power over the Mongols. His empire at his death would stretch from northern China to Persia and would be extended even further by his sons.



**[The Secret History of the Mongol Queens: How the Daughters of Genghis Khan Rescued His Empire](#) by Jack Weatherford – 950.2 WEA**

A history of the ruling women of the Mongol Empire, this work reveals their struggle to preserve a nation that shaped the world.

## Videos:



### CrashCourse

**[Wait For It...The Mongols!: Crash Course World History #17](#) –**

<https://tinyurl.com/kto6oel>

In which John Green teaches you, at long last, about the most exceptional bunch of empire-building nomads in the history of the world, the Mongols! How did the Mongols go from being a relatively small band of herders, who occasionally engaged in some light hunting-gathering, to being one of the most formidable fighting forces in the world?

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card