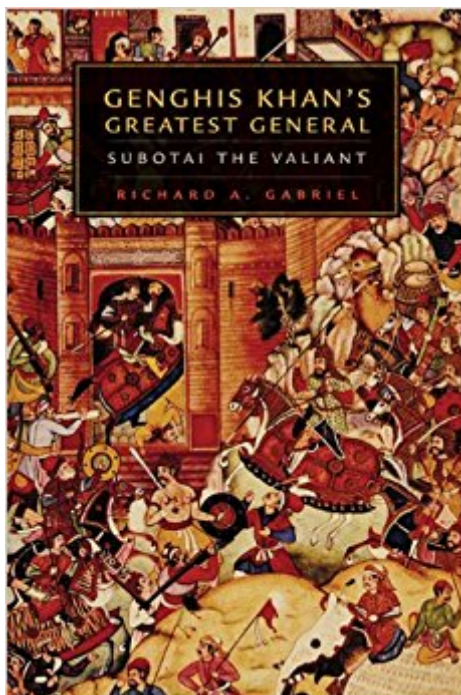


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Synopsis

This book tells the story of Subotai the Valiant, a warrior for Genghis Khan and one of the greatest generals in military history. Subotai commanded armies whose size, scale, and scope of operations surpassed those led by any other commander in the ancient world. Under Subotai's direction, Mongol armies moved faster, over greater distances, and with a greater scope of maneuver than any army had ever done before. When Subotai died at age seventy-three, he had conquered thirty-two nations and won sixty-five pitched battles, according to Muslim historians. Had the great Khan not died, Subotai likely would have destroyed Europe itself.

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We all know about Genghis Khan and his charisma as an overall leader of his people as well as an astonishing military genius. But a part of that military genius was his ability to spot and develop talent in his corps and assemble military leadership that probably has no equal in history. The likes of Alexander and Caesar pretty much had to do "everything" themselves. They didn't have the type of talent that Genghis Khan had around him - certainly no one even close to the talent and vision of Subotai. It is amazing to ponder that two of the possibly 10~20 greatest military commanders of all time were on the same side leading their armies together. Looking at things strictly from a military strategy and tactics perspective, Subotai may have exceeded Genghis himself. Certainly, Genghis had an enormous amount of respect for Subotai's skills and talent. Subotai was the de facto "chief of staff" of the Mongol military machine. This book about Subotai is for those who are already fairly familiar with Genghis Khan and the Mongol conquests of the 13th century. I had already read

dozens of books about this sweeping subject but only recently have I really started delving into the military strategies and tactics of the Mongols. The more I dug in, the more I realized that I needed to find out more information about Subotai and what he achieved. So that prompted me to get this book at a fairly high cost but I don't regret it one bit. I wasn't really interested in a personal biography of Subotai. I was much more interested in what he did and how he did it, not his personal life or background. This book delivers on that end with a good in-depth analysis of his campaigns and the strategies he employed to overrun such a vast amount of territory in such a dominant fashion.

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