

# All About Me



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Research Report

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*Silla's Jewel*

***“An enemy of an enemy is a friend.”  
- Me.***

***This is what I, first female to rule Silla in my own right used to defeat my enemies successfully, uniting them into one kingdom with the help of China. Lots of countries took advantage of me because I was female, but with my hand grasped tightly with China, the other countries ended up weak. With my rare talents, colorful and painful background, I accomplished the impossible. My life came to an abrupt end by my tragic death, but my story lives on, new and healthy with fresh, juicy details in this report.***

***As a queen, I had a interesting, but painful background. I was born around A.D. 580 with the name Dokman. My precise birth date is unknown. I had a mixed up family of six. My mother's name was Queen Ma-Ya, and was the first wife of my father, King Chinp'young. I was not a only child, I had two sisters. Princess Sonwha, was the princess that melted men's heart into nothing but liquid by her astonishing beauty. My other sister was Chonmyong. I was a vibrant women, a***

***shamaness who could predict the future. When my mother, Queen Ma- Ya, failed to produce a male heir, King Chinp'young sent her away to a monastery where she adopted a new way of life. Since someone to rule Silla must be a male, my father was determined to produce a proper heir. When my mother was sent away, my heart shattered into a million pieces. It took many years, but my shattered heart slowly mended, but it was never fully healed. My father soon remarried to a local village girl, about my age. But eventually, she too failed to produce a heir. From then on, I suffered the loss of one great love. I also had a great interest for astronomy. My father objected to this, saying it was men's work, nothing women were supposed interfere with. Even with my father's heavy words slung over my back, I snuck outside anyway at night to study the moon and stars.***

***An interesting talent can always be useful to rule a kingdom. I had a rare talent. I dazzled my subjects with my ability to prophesy. I made three famous prophecies. When I was only but a little seven year old, my father was sent a box of peony seeds from the emperor of China along with a detailed portrait of how the flowers would grow into once they were fully grown. my father asked me what I thought of them. I replied, "Too bad they don't smell, because if they did, bees and butterflies would be swarming around the pretty***

***flowers.” When my father heard what I said, out of the three daughters he had, his next heir to the throne was chosen. Turned out, my prediction was correct. Another prophesy I made was when 2,000 Paekche soldiers came to invade. Early in the morning, while in my cozy bed, I heard a hoard of white angry bull frogs croaking. I took the angry bull frogs as ferocious, Paekche soldiers. White represented the direction they were coming from. Immediately, I sent my own guards to that direction. My guards caught them off guard, and caught them. The last famous prophesy that I made was predicting my own death. I knew the hour of my own death, almost to the exact second. My prophesies awed my followers, and helped me on the way to my goals.***

***I accomplished the impossible. I became sole ruler of my kingdom in 634. I ruled for fourteen rebellious and violent years. With the help of my monk friend Chajang, he and I built a 244 feet tall nine story pagoda with a bone of the true Buddha inside. This was built because my neighboring kingdoms would take advantage of a frail woman ruling, and try to take over Silla. During my fourteen years ruling, I made the bond between T’ang and Silla closer together. With the power of the T’ang behind me, Queen Sondok conquered Paekche and Koryo with rough fighting, but eventually united the whole Korean peninsula under the emperor of Silla. Because I had a***

***overwhelming love for astronomy, I could not resist building the “Tower of the Moon and Stars” (Chomsongdae) which is considered the first observatory in the far east. Also, I introduced a standard religion, Buddhism. I set up a military-religious school called Hwarangdo for boys. This school was strict, and there were five rules you must follow. My accomplishments were important, and will be rembered all over by Koreans.***

***Unfortunately, I passed away, in 647, at the age of 37. I did not provide a heir, male or female, so, strangely enough, I passed on the throne to my cousin, Jindoek (Chindok), who became the 2<sup>nd</sup> queen of Silla. I made a prophesy that saved my life. In my humble opinion, I think that I played an important part in Korean history.***

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