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### **The Long Dark Night of the Soul** Wiley-Blackwell

During the Vietnam War Bao Ninh served with the Glorious 27th Youth Brigade. Of the five hundred men who went to war with the brigade in 1969, he is one of only ten who survived. The Sorrow of War is his autobiographical novel. Kien works in a unit that recovers soldiers' corpses. Revisiting the sites of battles raises emotional ghosts for him and the memory of war scenes are juxtaposed with dreams and remembrances of his childhood sweetheart. The Sorrow of War burns the tragedy of war in our minds.

**RAND in Southeast Asia** Cambridge University Press

Why did the US make a commitment to an independent South Vietnam? Could a major war have been averted? Fredrik Logevall provides a concise, comprehensive and accessible introduction to the origins of the Vietnam War from the end of the Indochina War in 1954 to the eruption of full-scale war in 1965, and places events against their full international background.

**The Lessons of the Vietnam War** Wiley-Blackwell

When American and South Vietnamese forces, led by General Creighton Abrams, launched an attack into neutral Cambodia in 1970, the invasion ignited a firestorm of violent antiwar protests throughout the United States, dealing yet another blow to Nixon's troubled presidency. But, as John Shaw shows, the campaign also proved to be a major military success. Most histories of the Vietnam War either give the Cambodian invasion short shrift or merely criticize it for its political fallout, thus neglecting one of the campaign's key dimensions. Approaching the subject from a distinctly military perspective, Shaw shows how this carefully planned and executed offensive provided essential support for Nixon's "decent interval" and "peace with honor" strategies-by eliminating North Vietnamese sanctuaries and supply bases located less than a hundred miles from Saigon and by pushing Communist troops off the Vietnamese border. Despite the political cloud under which the operation was conducted, Shaw argues that it was not only the best of available choices but one of the most successful operations of the entire war, sustaining light casualties while protecting American troop withdrawal and buying time for Nixon's pacification and "Vietnamization" strategies. He also shows how the United States took full advantage of fortuitous events, such as the overthrow of Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk, the redeployment of North Vietnamese forces, and the late arrival of spring monsoons. Although critics of the operation have protested that the North

Vietnamese never did attack out of Cambodia, Shaw makes a persuasive case that the near-border threat was very real and imminent. In the end, he contends, the campaign effectively precluded any major North Vietnamese military operations for over a year. Based on exhaustive research and a deep analysis of the invasion's objectives, planning, organization, and operations, Shaw's shrewd study encourages a newfound respect for one of America's genuine military successes during the war.

**Inside the Pentagon Papers** C. HURST & CO. PUBLISHERS

This book integrates the study of presidential politics and foreign policy-making from the Vietnam aftermath to the events following September 11 and the Iraqi War. Focusing on the relationship between presidents' foreign policy agendas and domestic politics, it offers compelling portraits of presidents Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, and Bush II. In the course of comparing the efforts of these presidents to articulate a clear conception of the national interest and to forge a foreign policy consensus, the author shows the key role of public opinion in constraining presidential initiatives, in particular the decision to use military force overseas. Never more timely, this popular text is appropriate for courses in U.S. foreign policy, the presidency, or contemporary U.S. politics.

**The Origins of the Vietnam War** McFarland

The author portrays American participation in the Vietnam War as the logical culmination of the containment policy that began under Harry Truman in the late 1940's. Also his portrayal of the complex challenge that Vietnam posed for the United States and the varied responses it evoked from American people & leaders.

**Innocence Lost** Routledge

"In examining the influence of historical analogies on decisions to use - or not use - force, military strategist Jeffrey Record assesses every major application of U.S. force from the Korean War to the NATO war in Serbia. Specifically, he looks at the influence of two analogies: the democracies' appeasement of Hitler at Munich and America's defeat in the Vietnam War. His book judges the utility of these two analogies on presidential decision-making and finds considerable misuse of them in situations where force was optional. He points to the Johnson Administration's application of the Munich analogy to the circumstances of Southeast Asia in 1965 as the most egregious example of their misuse, but also cites the faulty reasoning by historical analogy that prevailed among critics of Reagan's policy in Central America and the Clinton's use of force in Haiti and the former Yugoslavia."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**Political Culture and the Causes of War** Department of History Goteborg University

" The best damned book from the point of view of the infantrymen who fought there. " —Army Times  
Among the best books ever written about men in combat, *The Killing Zone* tells the story of the platoon of Delta One-six, capturing what it meant to face lethal danger, to follow orders, and to search for the conviction and then the hope that this war was worth the sacrifice. The book includes a new chapter on what

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happened to the platoon members when they came home.

The American Press and the Vietnam War M.E. Sharpe

Lessons of the Vietnam War covers all facets of the war from a diversity of perspectives. It teaches students how to think critically about conflict resolution in international relations. -- Teaches students how to reason ethically about moral choices. -- Sensitizes students to cultural differences. -- Written, reviewed and classroom tested by a nationwide network of Vietnam War scholars, teachers and veteran. -- Over 200 illustrations -- Discussion questions in all units.

A History Anchor

This work examines the historiography of the Vietnam War, which still polarises opinion today. It describes and evaluates the main arguments of scholars, participants and journalists and questions whether the war was inherently doomed to failure, or was lost due to inept strategy, poor leadership and a biased media.

The Vietnam War in History, Literature and Film Black Inc.

A study of the disintegration of military groups under the strain of combat.

Vietnam Shadows Macmillan

Addresses issues concerning the legacy of the Vietnam war, including the plight of veterans, the reflections of war protestors, the effect on the U.S. military in subsequent actions such as the Gulf War, and the related "Vietnam Syndrome"

The Military and the Media, 1962-1968 Rand Corporation

A "fascinating" look at what students in Russia, France, Iran, and other nations are taught about America (The New York Times Book Review). This "timely and important" book (History News Network) gives us a glimpse into classrooms across the globe, where opinions about the United States are first formed. History Lessons includes selections from textbooks and teaching materials used in Russia, France, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Canada, and others, covering such events as the American Revolution, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Iran hostage crisis, and the Korean War—providing some alternative viewpoints on the history of the United States from the time of the Viking explorers to the post-Cold War era. By juxtaposing starkly contrasting versions of the historical events we take for granted, History Lessons affords us a sometimes hilarious, often sobering look at what the world thinks about America's past. "A brilliant idea." —Foreign Affairs

America's Longest War Rowman & Littlefield Pub Incorporated

Morris examines the, "first and only extended war between two communist regimes."

How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War Rand Corporation

A personal memoir of the war in Vietnam, in which the author first served as a Marine and which he later covered as a reporter.

Documents and Essays British Association for Americ

The Vietnam War was the central political issue of the 1960s and 1970s. This study by Seth Offenbach explains how the conflict shaped modern conservatism. The war caused disputes between the pro-war anti-communists right and libertarian conservatives who opposed the war. At the same time, Christian evangelicals supported the war and began forming alliances with the mainstream, pro-war right. This enabled the formation of the New Right movement which came to dominate U.S. politics at the end of the twentieth century. The Conservative Movement and the Vietnam War explains the right's changes between Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan.

History Lessons Univ of North Carolina Press

A look at the thousands of American women, many of them nurses, who went to Vietnam during the war; describes the experiences of these female patriots who gave everything to serve their country. Tour.

The Cambodian Campaign Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War Documents and Essays

Designed to encourage critical thinking about history, the Major Problems in American History series introduces students to both primary sources and analytical essays on important topics

in U.S. history. Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War incorporates a spate of new research and a number of recently declassified documents concerning the Vietnam War. Making War, Thinking History Munich, Vietnam, and Presidential Uses of Force from Korea to Kosovo Provides an introduction to ten key narratives including personal accounts and novels and locates them in the tradition of war literature and contemporary cinema and charts the transformations of the US nation in the experience of war.

As Published by the New York Times Springer

Popular representations of the Vietnam War tend to emphasize violence, deprivation, and trauma.

By contrast, in Armed with Abundance, Meredith Lair focuses on the noncombat experiences of U.S. soldiers in Vietnam, redrawing the landscape of the war

The Afghanistan Papers Modern War Studies (Hardcover)

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University of Chicago Press

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