

UNITED STATES HISTORY
WAR BIBLIOGRAPHY

Charlie Mike - Leonard B. Scott. The Army Rangers were the honorable, elite commando corps of Vietnam. Their love of country and loyalty to each other propelled them through a conflict both controversial and cataclysmic. Charlie Mike is the epic of the bloody battles, the waiting woman and the honorable enemies of the Rangers.

I Married Vietnam: A Novel. - Sandie Frazier. This is a tale of a Vietnam Vet from the point of view of his long-suffering wife. This shows Samantha's point of view as a noncombatant heroically reconstructing combat, and as a woman in love with a deeply troubled man.

1945. Newt Gingrich. In Europe, the Third Reich reigns triumphant. The Soviet Union is a fragment of its former self, and Britain has accepted a dictated armistice. In the Pacific, after a brief war with Japan, America is the only significant military presence. Now, the world's two remaining super powers warily eye each other across a rapidly dwindling Atlantic Ocean.

A Bell for Adano. John Hersey. The novel's action takes place during WWII after the occupation of Sicily by the Allied forces. In his attempts to reform the town and bring democracy to the people by treating with respect and decency, Joppolo (American army officer) comes into conflict with his commanding officer.

The Aardvark Is Ready for War: A Novel. James W. Blinn. A story about an Anti-Submarine Warfare Specialist. He is the brightest and sanest of his shipmates. Trouble is, he can't let go of his airborne submarine-tracking electronic surveillance job.

Alone in the Valley. Kenneth Waymon Baker. First novel about an infantryman in Vietnam by a disabled Vietnam vet from Georgia. The book has a young hero, Daniel Perdue who is struggling manfully to comprehend what is going on. No one here is cut out of cardboard, and there is no hatred in the book's tone, no swaggering, no politics. Told exactly as it was.

Appointment With the Squire/a Novel. Don Davis. A historical thriller about a plot to assassinate FDR in 1945. It is a thoroughly absorbing and chilling "might have been" story.

The Black Flower: A Novel of the Civil War. Howard Bahr. The senseless agony of armed conflict is expertly evoked in this novel. The mournful tone of the narrative serves to underscore the powerful drama of this harrowing tale.

Dirty Work. Larry Brown. Braiden Chaney lost his arms and legs in Vietnam. Walter James lost most of his face. And when they meet 22 years later—in adjoining beds in a V.A. hospital, their wounds still hurt. As these two men—one black, one white—tell their stories, they tell the story of the war itself and of all the lives it consumed.

Dream Baby. Bruce McAllister. The acclaimed visionary chronicle of the nightmare that was Vietnam. Army nurse Mary Damico can see the future. She knows which soldiers will die on the battlefields. Col. John Bucannon, commander of the CIA's secret psychic warfare project, wants to exploit her dark gift, regardless of the apocalyptic carnage his experiment will unleash.

Firefight. Joseph Ferrandino. Firefight is the story of a company of young soldiers, their idealistic, theater-nurtured vision of the glories of war torn away by the reality of Vietnam. Devastating not only for its realism but also its sincerity.

The Fox in the Field: A WWII Novel of India. Maynard Allington. World War II Bombay provides the setting for this deft thriller. Espionage. An artful blend of fact and fancy, and a roguishly attractive hero.

Fragments. Jack Fuller. Fragments is a story about how war can make everything explosive—even love—and how two friends try to put the pieces of their lives together again. This book has been called “the best novel yet about the Vietnam War”.

The Good Shepherd. C. S. Forester. A novel about Atlantic convoy duty during WWII.

Human Comedy. William Saroyan. The place is Ithaca, in California's San Joaquin Valley. The time is WWII. The family is the Macauley's—a mother, sister, and three brothers whose struggles and dreams reflect those of America's second-generation immigrants. Gentle, poignant and richly autobiographical, this novel shows us the boy becoming the man in a world that even in the midst of war, appears sweeter, safer and more livable than our own.

The Hunters. James Salter. Set during the Korean War, The Hunters tells the story of a pilot who encounters expected foes—among which are boredom, uncertainty, and the limits of his own abilities—in his quest to become a flying ace.

The Last Heroes. W.E.B. Griffin. In mid-1941, fun-loving Richard Canidy and straight-arrow Edwin Bitter are hotshot pilot instructors at the Navy's air station in Pensacola. With minimal prompting, they soon volunteer to serve with the so-called Flying Tigers.

Message from 'Nam. Danielle Steel. Journalist Paxton Andrews wants to discover the real truth about Vietnam, and by getting to know the soldiers fighting there and by experiencing their patrols in the jungle, she reveals the full tragedy of war.

Master Switch: A Novel of Espionage. William Stender. A tale of high-tech espionage as one explanation of why only Israel, a non-combatant nation in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, suffered losses of life from SCUD missiles launched by Saddam Hussein.

The Monkey House. John Fullerton. Branston Flett is a famous American journalist who comes to wartime Sarajevo with the intent of covering the ethnic conflict. But what he discovers is the netherworld of a city gone mad. Gunfire, mortar, and artillery ring through the city. People are starving; others are dying. War story, crime thriller, tale of urban decay.

The Old Man's Trail/a Novel About the Vietcong. Tom Campbell. A former U.S. Marine and a veteran of the Vietnam War offers an empathetic, fictional portrait of the Vietcong, tracing the brutal journey of a platoon of teenaged Vietnamese boys down the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS FOR BOOK TEST

WHAT IS THE WHAT, Dave Eggers - Civil war in Sudan

TO THE LAST MAN, Jeff Shaara - WWI

FIELDS OF FIRE, James H. Webb - Vietnam War

FIST OF GOD, Frederick Forsyth - Gulf War

THE SAND CAFÉ, Neil MacFarquhar - Gulf War

THE SORROW OF WAR – Bao Ninh - Vietnam