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“DISTANT WAR - RECOLLECTIONS OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA”

(Navigator Books - navigator-books.com) by Marc Phillip Yablonka

This one is for all you Vietnam veterans out there.

Marc Yablonka was too young to have served during the Vietnam war, yet he has an uncanny way of writing about that period that makes one think “he must have been there.”

The gifted military historian first traveled to Nam in 1990 to try and capture some of the stories from people who lived and fought in that war. He has assembled an impressive number of recollections on and about the POWs, “donut dollies” of the American Red Cross, Green Beret fighters, first-person accounts by retired MAJ Jim Morris, the AP's Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, our old friend, Nick Ut, and that great Marine combat correspondent Steve Stibbens.

The photographs, especially one of an abandoned Huey helicopter almost obscured by jungle vines, is worth the price of the book alone.

If you served in Vietnam, you need a copy of DISTANT WAR.

We rate this book **FOUR STARS** ★★★★★