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When Saigon fell to North Vietnamese forces on April 30, 1975, the communist victory sent shockwaves around the world. Using ingenious

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strategy and tactics, Ho Chi Minh had shown it was possible for a tiny nation to defeat a mighty Western power. The same tactics have been studied and replicated by revolutionary forces and terrorist organizations across the globe. Drawing on recently

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declassified documents and rare interviews with Ho Chi Minh's strategists and operatives, this book offers fresh perspective on his blueprint and the reasons behind both the French (1945-1954) and the American (1959-1975) failures in Vietnam,

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concluding with an analysis of the threat this model poses today.

In this anthology, Vietnamese writers describe their experience of what they call the American War and its lasting legacy through the lens of their own vital artistic visions. A North

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Vietnamese soldier forms a bond with an abandoned puppy. Cousins find their lives upended by the revelation that their fathers fought on opposite sides of the war. Two lonely veterans in Hanoi meet years after the war has ended through a newspaper dating

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service. A psychic assists the search for the body of a long-vanished soldier. The father of a girl suffering from dioxin poisoning struggles with corrupt local officials. The twenty short stories collected in *Other Moons* range from the intensely personal to narratives that

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deal with larger questions of remembrance, trauma, and healing. By a diverse set of authors, including many veterans, they span styles from social realism to tales of the fantastic. Yet whether describing the effects of Agent Orange exposure or telling ghost

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stories, all speak to the unresolved legacy of a conflict that still haunts Vietnam. Among the most widely anthologized and popular pieces of short fiction about the war in Vietnam, these works appear here for the first time in English. Other Moons offers

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Anglophone audiences an unparalleled opportunity to experience how the Vietnamese think and write about the conflict that consumed their country from 1954 to 1975—a perspective still largely missing from American narratives.

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On the eve of the war against the South Vietnamese regime in 1964, the communist party strove to carve out a new productivist and political elite from the towns and villages of the country. According to a categorization of patriotic exemplarity devised by Ho

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Chi Minh, "avant-garde workers," "exemplary soldiers" and "new heroes" would fill the ranks of a "new model society," one in which political virtue would serve as the principle to mobilize the masses. This study presents and analyzes the process by which "new

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heroes" were invented. It first develops a picture of what constituted heroes in Vietnamese tradition and history, and then shows how the new model, effectively a Sino-Soviet import, was imposed, only to be slowly distorted by its own cultural rationale and by

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specific objectives. Far from being a transitory phenomenon, this model has contributed for more than half a century to the reconstruction of the national imagination and the development of a new collective, patriotic and communist memory in

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Vietnam. « This fascinating account is like no other study in French or English. Based on primary sources from Archives No. III in Hanoi and scores of interviews, it is a fascinating read. » -Christopher Goscha, Professor of International Relations, Universite

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"A thoroughly researched and elegantly written account of what is arguably the most important topic in modern Vietnamese political history. [Quinn-Judge's] sources allow her to sketch a vivid, nuanced portrait of Ho Chi

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Minh and to unravel the complex interplay of domestic and international forces that shaped the historical emergence and development of Vietnamese Communism."--Peter Zinoman, University of California, Berkeley "A thoroughly researched and

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Heroes and Revolution in Vietnam
On the Ho Chi Minh Trail

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Ho Chi Minh Biography - The Secrets of His Life During The Vietnam War
Anti-Colonial Networks, Extradition and the Rule of Law
A New History
Grit
By Ho Chi Minh

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The definitive history of modern Vietnam and its diverse and divided past

The Saigon Sisters offers the narratives of a group of privileged

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women who were immersed in a French lycée and later rebelled and fought for independence, starting with France's occupation of Vietnam and continuing through

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US involvement and life after war ends in 1975. Tracing the lives of nine women, The Saigon Sisters reveals these women's stories as they forsook safety and

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comfort to struggle for independence, and describes how they adapted to life in the jungle, whether facing bombing raids, malaria, deadly snakes, or other

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trials. How did they juggle double lives working for the resistance in Saigon? How could they endure having to rely on family members to raise their

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own children? Why, after being sent to study abroad by anxious parents, did several women choose to return to serve their country? How could they bear open-

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ended separation from their husbands? How did they cope with sending their children to villages to escape the bombings of Hanoi? In spite of the maelstrom

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*of war, how did they
forge careers? And how,
in spite of dislocation
and distrust following
the end of the war in
1975, did these women
find each other and*

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rekindle their friendships? Patricia D. Norland answers these questions and more in this powerful and personal approach to history.

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Ho Chi Minh explores the life of this globally important twentieth-century figure and offers new insights into his lengthy career, including his often-

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forgotten involvement with British intermediaries in 1945-46 and with the United States in 1944-45. Ho was the father of his nation, a

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major protagonist in the Cold War and anti-colonial struggle, and the promoter of a distinctive Vietnamese form of communism. This biography charts his

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life from his early years and education in Europe to his establishment of the revolutionary pro-communist movement, the Viet Minh, and his

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subsequent rise to power. Placing important emphasis on his role as a military organizer while stressing his preference for diplomatic solutions,

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this book contains detailed analysis of the complex talks with France and failure to prevent the Franco-Viet Minh war in 1946. It also follows Ho's

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complex relationships with America, China, France, and Russia, and explores the Vietnam War and his legacy. In addition to providing extensive coverage of

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the 1954 Geneva Conference, the rivalry between Ho and First Secretary Le Duan, and the 1968 Tet Offensive, Ho Chi Minh is also the first English-language

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biography of Ho to pay close attention to his attitude to women and their role within the communist party. It is the perfect introduction for students of

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Vietnamese history and twentieth-century history more broadly. This title re-maps public space in order to unveil contemporary spatial practices and to

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explore future possibilities. In the midst of historic migration and urbanisation, our limited public spaces are being contested and

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re-conceptualised in cities around the world with innovative experiments in some places and bloody battles in others. This book uses the case of

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sidewalks in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam where a vibrant everyday urbanism takes place in flexible patterns that defy conventional conceptions of public

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space.

*Vietnamese Short Stories
of the American War and
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*Live the Spirit of
Adventure*

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*Changing Political
Economy of Vietnam*

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Ho Chi Minh

Part travelogue, part history, and part reflective meditation on conflict and reconciliation, Sherry Buchanan's new book offers both a personal and historical exploration of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, highlighting the critical role the Trail and the young women soldiers who helped

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build and defend it played in the Vietnam War. Accompanied by two travelling companions, Buchanan winds her way from Hanoi in the north to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in the south. Driving through the spectacular scenery of Vietnam and Laos, she encounters locations from the Truong Son mountains,

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the Phong Nha Caves, ancient citadels and Confucian temples to the Khmer Temple of Wat Phu at the western-most point of the Trail in Laos. Buchanan records her interactions--both scheduled and spontaneous--with those who experienced the Vietnam War firsthand, and these conversations with combatants and

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civilians provide new perspectives on the War. She listens to the women who defended the Trail roads against the greatest bombing campaign in modern times, walks through minefields with the demolition teams hunting for unexploded ordnance, and meets American veterans who have returned to Vietnam with an

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urge to "do something." Buchanan weaves informative, and often humorous, tales from her journey with excerpts from the accounts of others, situating the locations she visits in their historical and political context. *On the Ho Chi Minh Trail* brings together geography, history, and personal accounts to readdress the culture of

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indifference to the War, bringing to light the scale of the tragedy, its lasting legacies, and our memory of it.

This title examines the remarkable life of Ho Chi Minh. Readers will learn about Ho's family background, childhood, education, and revolutionary work as a visionary communist leader and first

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president of Vietnam. Color and black & white photos and informative sidebars accompany easy-to-read, compelling text. Features include a table of contents, timeline, facts, additional resources, Web sites, a glossary, a bibliography, and an index. Essential Lives is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO

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Some will be shocked to find out that the United States and Ho Chi Minh, our nemesis for much of the Vietnam War, were once allies. Indeed, during the last year of World War II, American spies in Indochina found themselves working closely with Ho Chi Minh and other anti-

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colonial factions--compelled by circumstances to fight together against the Japanese. Dixie Bartholomew-Feis reveals how this relationship emerged and operated and how it impacted Vietnam's struggle for independence. The men of General William Donovan's newly-formed Office of Strategic Services closely

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collaborated with communist groups in both Europe and Asia against the Axis enemies. In Vietnam, this meant that OSS officers worked with Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh, whose ultimate aim was to rid the region of all imperialist powers, not just the Japanese. Ho, for his part, did whatever he could to encourage the OSS's

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negative view of the French, who were desperate to regain their colony. Revealing details not previously known about their covert operations, Bartholomew-Feis chronicles the exploits of these allies as they developed their network of informants, sabotaged the Japanese occupation's infrastructure, conducted

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guerrilla operations, and searched for downed American fliers and Allied POWs. Although the OSS did not bring Ho Chi Minh to power, Bartholomew-Feis shows that its apparent support for the Viet Minh played a significant symbolic role in helping them fill the power vacuum left in the wake of Japan's surrender. Her study

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also hints that, had American continued to champion the anti-colonials and their quest for independence, rather than caving in to the French, we might have been spared our long and verylethal war in Vietnam. Based partly on interviews with surviving OSS agents who served in Vietnam, Bartholomew-Feis's engaging narrative

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and compelling insights speak to the yearnings of an oppressed people--and remind us that history does indeed mark strange bedfellows.

Ho Chi Minh, the founder of the Vietminh and President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, having defeated Japanese and French colonialist became a hate figure of

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the USA during the Vietnam War. Anti-globalization activist Walden Bello shows why Ho Chi Minh should still be read by anti-imperialists the world over.

The Art of Resistance

In the Words of Vietnamese Strategists and Operatives

Privileged Women in the Resistance

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The Big Buddha Bicycle Race
A Journey Through Vietnam and Laos
A Novel

Sidewalk City

Ho Chi Minh, President of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, tells what motivated a nation of illiterate peasants to sacrifice

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millions of their own people to defeat some of the world's most technologically advanced military machines: Japanese, French, and American. Ho explains what the Vietnamese people were angry about in this point-by-point indictment of colonialism written

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in 1924. For example, Ho writes about a mutiny of Vietnamese sailors when ordered to take Vietnamese infantrymen to fight in Syria, while also detailing Syrian objections to French occupation.

The expanding use of money in

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contemporary Vietnam has been propelled by the rise of new markets, digital telecommunications, and an ideological emphasis on money's autonomy from the state. People in Vietnam use the metaphor of "open doors" to describe their

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everyday experiences of market liberalization and to designate the end of Vietnam's postwar social isolation and return to a consumer- oriented environment. Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City examines how money is redefining social identities, moral

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economies, and economic citizenship in Vietnam. It shows how people use money as a standard of value to measure social and moral worth, how money is used to create new hierarchies of privilege and to limit freedom, and how both

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domestic and global monetary politics affect the cultural politics of identity in Vietnam. Drawing on interviews with shopkeepers, bankers, vendors, and foreign investors, Allison Truitt explores the function of money in everyday life. From counterfeit

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currencies to streetside lotteries, from gold shops to crowded temples, she relates money's restructuring to performances of identity. By locating money in domains often relegated to the margins of the economy—households, religion, and gender-

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she demonstrates how money is shaping ordinary people's sense of belonging and citizenship in Vietnam.

"Here is a wealth of gossip level detail about life on the inside at the top in Hanoi--material Hanoi watchers lust after, seldom find."

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In this new edition of his widely acclaimed study, William Duiker has revised and updated his analysis of the Communist

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movement in Vietnam from its formation in 1930 to the dilemmas facing its leadership in the post-Cold War era. Making use of newly available documentary sources and recent Western scholarship, the author reevaluates Communist

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revolutionary strategy during the Vietnam War. Based on primary materials in several languages, this respected work is essential for an understanding of Vietnam in the twentieth century.

Memoirs of a North Vietnamese Colonel

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Down with Colonialism!
Saigon's Edge
The Case Against French
Colonization (Translation)
The Case of Ho Chi Minh City
Victory in Vietnam
Unexpected Allies in the War
Against Japan

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Chronicles the life of Ho Chi Minh and his fight for the independence of Vietnam. Memory is the one who builds you a permanent court of justice. Memory is the one at your side from whom you cannot run... A sweeping tale of thwarted love,

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political intrigue, and the price of power—"The Doctor Zhivago of Vietnam" (Boston Globe)—about Ho Chi Minh, the founding father of modern Vietnam, a man beloved by millions but shrouded in controversy and mystery Vietnam's most popular dissident

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writer, Duong Thu Huong has won acclaim for her exceptional lyricism and psychological acumen, as well as for her unflinching portraits of modern Vietnam and its culture and people. Built on 15 years of research, The Zenith imagines

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the final months in the life of Ho Chi Minh—president of North Vietnam from 1945 until his death in 1969—at an isolated mountain compound where he is imprisoned both physically and emotionally. Complex, daring, and elegiac, Huong's novel

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weaves Ho Chi Minh's story together with narratives of members of his inner circle and a village elder, illuminating the personal costs of political struggle, the addictive quality of power and influence, and how a tragedy can threaten to engulf

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not just one individual but an entire nation. Most radically, it is a multidimensional portrait of Ho Chi Minh himself; a man who is often painted as a saint, martyr, or puppet, but whom Huong portrays as a real person whose life encapsulated humanity's

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capacity for vision, greed, pain, love, and fallibility. An epic masterpiece that is both a gripping political thriller and a haunting excavation of the human heart, The Zenith is an unforgettable novel that leaves readers unsettled, transformed,

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and closer to life's fundamental mysteries.

In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and

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persistence she calls “grit.” “Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere” (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of “genius,” Angela Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-

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opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In Grit, she takes us into the field to

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visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from

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modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she's learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete

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learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly

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personal, insightful, and even life-changing, Grit is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is “a fascinating tour of the psychological research on

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success” (The Wall Street Journal).

A novel of Paris in the 1930s from the eyes of the Vietnamese cook employed by Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, by the author of The Sweetest Fruits. Viewing his famous mesdames and their

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entourage from the kitchen of their rue de Fleurus home, Binh observes their domestic entanglements while seeking his own place in the world. In a mesmerizing tale of yearning and betrayal, Monique Truong explores Paris from the salons of

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its artists to the dark nightlife of its outsiders and exiles. She takes us back to Binh's youthful servitude in Saigon under colonial rule, to his life as a galley hand at sea, to his brief, fateful encounters in Paris with Paul Robeson and the young Ho

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confection that weaves together history, art, and human nature...a veritable feast.”—Los Angeles Times “A debut novel of pungent sensuousness and intricate, inspired imagination...a marvelous tale.”—Elle “Addictive...Deliciously

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written...Both eloquent and original.”—Entertainment Weekly
“A mesmerizing narrative voice, an insider's view of a fabled literary household and the slow revelation of heartbreaking secrets contribute to the visceral impact of this first

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novel.”—Publishers Weekly, starred review

Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh's Blueprint for Revolution

The Memoirs of Bao Luong

The Power of Passion and Perseverance

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Inside Out & Back Again The Ho Chi Minh Trail and the Vietnam War The Zenith

Brendan Leary, assigned to an Air Force photo squadron an hour from L.A., thinks he has it made. But when the U.S.

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invades Cambodia and he joins his buddies who march in protest, he is shipped off to an obscure air base in upcountry Thailand. There, he finds himself flying at night over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in a secret war that turns the mountains of Laos into a napalm-

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scorched moonscape. As the emotional vise tightens, his moral fiber crumbles and he sinks ever deeper into a netherworld of drugs, sex, and booze. When a visit by Nixon looms, Brendan dreams up an all-squadron bicycle race to build morale, win hearts and minds in

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rural Thailand, and make him and his underpaid buddies a pile of money. The Big Buddha Bicycle Race is a last gasp of hope that turns into a unifying adventure—until the stakes turn out to be far higher than anyone imagined. The Big Buddha Bicycle Race is a new take on

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the Vietnam War. A caper on the surface, it is also a tribute to the complex culture and history of Southeast Asia and a sober remembrance of those groups who have been erased from American history—the brash active-duty soldiers who risked prison by taking part in the

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GI antiwar movement, the gutsy air commandos who risked death night after night flying over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and the people of Laos, whose lives and land were devastated in ways that have yet to be fully acknowledged in Western accounts of the war.

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Exploring the places where the rural and urban intersect, where many of the world ' s people live.

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Vietnam War, published for the first time in the United States.

Ho Chi Minh, a Documentary Study

Following Ho Chi Minh
Ho Chi Minh in Hong Kong
A Life

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Passion, Betrayal, and Revolution in
Colonial Saigon
A Memoir

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and

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resettle in Alabama.

When North Vietnamese troops occupied Saigon at the end of April 1975, their leaders in Hanoi faced the future with pride and confidence. Almost fifteen years later, the euphoria has given way to sober

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realism. Since the end of the war, the Communist regime has faced an almost uninterrupted series of difficulties including sluggish economic growth at home and a costly occupation of neighboring Cambodia. In this third and updated

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edition of a study which was originally published in 1980, William J. Duiker treats the fifteen years since the Communist takeover and attempts to reach a balanced appraisal of current conditions in Vietnam and their ultimate causes.

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Some of Hanoi's problems, he concludes, are self-inflicted while others stem from the historically deep political and cultural chasm dividing North and South. Duiker's insights and assessments will also be of particular interest to those

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concerned with American foreign policy and major issues in contemporary world politics. This is the incredible story of Bao Luong, Vietnam's first female political prisoner. In 1927, when she was just 18, Bao Luong left her

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village home to join Ho Chi Minh's Revolutionary Youth League and fight both for national independence and for women's equality. A year later, she became embroiled in the Barbier Street murder, a crime in which unruly passion was mixed

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with revolutionary ardor. By the time of her sensational trial, Bao Luong's beloved Revolutionary Youth League had ceased to exist. Weaving together Bao Luong's own memoir with excerpts from newspaper articles, family gossip,

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and official documents, this book by Bao Luong's niece takes us from rural life in the Mekong Delta to the bustle of colonial Saigon. It provides a rare snapshot of Vietnam in the first decades of the twentieth century and a compelling account of one

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woman's struggle to make a place for herself in the world amidst intense political intrigue.

Two of the twentieth century's most fascinating figures, Ernest Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh, grappling with a world in which

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Western culture and their respective governments were failing them, came to Paris at the same time in the 1920s. Trained by their faiths to give their lives to and for others, each had survived a terrifying near-death experience, leading to the

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realization that this belief in service and sacrifice had been exploited for others' gain. They came to Paris to resist this violent heresy and learn what compassion could do. In the City of Light, Ho and Hemingway found movements that resisted an

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overly aggressive Western culture that gave too little, both materially and spiritually, to its young people, to its struggling poor, and to the colonies it oppressed. They learned the arts of resistance, which involved psychologically realistic

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writing, hostility toward sexual and political repressions, a celebration of working people, the exposure of exploitations such as colonialism and militarism, and an ongoing struggle to determine whether violence was required to bring

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about a more just and nourishing civilization. Before leaving Paris, each began to gain an international reputation, Ho for documenting colonial ills and crafting political demands, Hemingway for writing parables of youthful survival amid

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rampant international violence. Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh in Paris tells the untold, engrossing story of two young men who came to Paris to resist and left as two of their century's most famous figures. Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh in

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Paris

Ho

Dame Traveler

Ho Chi Minh, (1890 - 1969)

Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City

Four Generations in the Life of a

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Vietnamese Family A Biography

This book explores the way in which the state has become commercialised under reform as party and government officials have gone into business and considers

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the impact that this has had on politics within Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. The book charts the way in which power has been decentralised to the lower levels of the party-state but argues that the central state retains significant

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power. These issues are explored through a variety of case studies including the implementation of different reform policies, struggles over political and business activity, and the prosecution of two major corruption cases. Particular

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emphasis is placed on piecing together the myriad of informal practices which dominate business and political life in Vietnam.

A breathtaking celebration of Instagram's premier solo female travel community, featuring 200

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striking photographs—most of them all-new—plus empowering messages and practical tips for solo travelers. “For those with passports full of stories, this book carries you away to every dreamy corner of the earth. I can ’ t stop flipping through

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these visually incandescent pages to see where I ' m capable of traveling to next! ” –Caila Quinn, The Bachelor contestant and lifestyle and travel influencer From backpackers in Peru to artists in Berlin to storytellers in Morocco,

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Dame Traveler celebrates the diversity and bravery of women from around the world who are not afraid to think (and live) outside the box. The revolutionary Dame Traveler Instagram account was founded by Nastasia Yakoub, who

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was born into a strict Chaldean-Middle Eastern community where women are expected to marry young and put aside other personal ambitions. But at the age of twenty, Nastasia embarked on a solo trip to South Africa to volunteer at an

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orphanage in Cape Town, which sparked a love of world travel. Recognizing a void in the travel industry, she founded Dame Traveler, the first female travel community on Instagram, now more than half a million strong. Nastasia

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herself has traveled to sixty-three countries on solo adventures, sharing colorful photos of her tantalizing travels along the way. Dame Traveler celebrates these women with a photographic collection of 200 stunning images

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paired with inspiring captions, 80% of which have never been seen on the Instagram account. Organized into sections on architecture, culture, nature, and water, each entry features travel information, plus tips, advice, unique solo-travel

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experiences, and wisdom from contributing globe-trotters to embolden the next generation of Dame Travelers.

Examining memoirs, oral histories, and official documents from both sides, the author paints a vivid

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portrait of the infamous "Ho Chi Minh" trail used to smuggle troops and supplies into South Vietnam. Reprint.

Who's Ho Chi Minh? He was a great leader who brought the Vietnam's independence from the

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