

Selected Literature From Viet Nam

The following list offers compelling novels, short stories, and poetry by Vietnamese, American, and Vietnamese-Americans. For useful and exciting individual stories and poems for high school and college classes, contact erbrill69@gmail.com.

She Weeps Each Time You're Born - Quan Barry. A girl speaks with the dead who help her reconstruct routes of French and American armies towards a liberated Viet Nam.

MonkeyBridges – Lan Cao. A young Vietnamese immigrant learns a harrowing story about a family incident back in Vietnam.

The Zenith – Duong Thuy Huong . Viet Nam's most controversial author shows the last days of Ho Chi Minh in a tumultuous story. Other works include *Paradise of The Blind*, *No Man's Land*, *Novel Without A Name*, *Memories of Spring*. A fearless writer .

Cemetery At Chua Village and Other Stories - Doan Le. A leading feminist hilariously satires bureaucracy, including botched burials of generals and peasants .

Time Far Past- Le Luu. A dedicated communist veteran has difficulties adjusting to life after the war ends.

The Other Side of Heaven. Edited by Le Min Khue and Wayne Karlin. The best anthology of stories and novel excerpts by Vietnamese and American authors.

An Insignificant Family - Da Ngan. Complex story of war's affect on families .

The Sorrow of War - Bao Ninh. A loving Hanoi youth comes of age in war's agonies.

The Reeducation of Cherry Truong – Aimee Pham. A Vietnamese-American woman goes to Viet Nam to seek and discover decades-old family secrets.

Behind The Red Mist – Ho Anh Thai. One of Viet Nam's leading writers (He also wrote the novel *Woman On The Island*)

The General Retires and Other Stories - Nguyen Huy Thiep. Postwar difficulties.

Women Carrying River Water - Nguyen Quan Thieu. Celebrating Viet Nam's women.

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Selected American Literature of The Viet Nam (American) War

The Alleys of Eden – Robert Olen Butler. A soldier deserts with his Vietnamese lover.

Good Scent From An Enemy Mountain - Robert Olen Butler. Pulitzer Prize winner.

Indian Country – Phil Caputo. A wife watches her PTSD husband wire his front yard.

De Mojo Blues – A.R. Flowers. Three black soldiers are dishonorably discharged.

Things We Do To Make It Home - Beverly Gologorsky. War lives of vets' wives.

Paco's Story - Larry Heineman. A Latino private barely survives a hellish battle. *The*

People of the Whale - Linda Hogan. An Indian war hero returns his medals. *The*

In Country – Bobbie Ann Mason. A girl keeps a lookout on her haunted uncle.

In The Lake of the Woods - Tim O'Brien. Secret war horrors quash a rising young politician's career. (Also, *The Things They Carried*, sterling short stories).

Machine Dreams – Jayne Anne Phillips. A sister tracks her brother at war.

Fire and Rain - Oswaldo Rivera. Racial tensions among Viet Nam GIs explode.

Bloods - Walter Terry. These oral histories read like an intense suspense novel.

The Quiet American – Graham Greene. Too quiet? 1955 pub. date tells us what?

The Moon Reflected – Doug Anderson. Outstanding poems of the war, its aftermath.

Dien Cai Dau – Yusef Koumanyakaa. Dynamic trenchant poems.

Human Shrapnel – Bill Shields. Astonishingly intense poems' screaming jumps out.

Playing Basketball With The Viet Cong - Kevin Bowen. One of the best titles EVER.

of Napalm – Bruce Weigl. Searing poems of the war.

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1. The Enormous Room- EE Cummings
2. Rebellion In the Backlands- deCunha
3. Fair House- Jack Cope
4. Company K- William March
5. Johnny Got His Gun- Dalton Trumbo
6. The Mojo Blues- Arthur Flowers
7. Captain Blackman- John A. Williams
8. And Then We Heard The Thunder- John O. Killens
9. Red Sorghum- Moy Yan
10. Life and Fate- Vassily Grossman
11. The Seventh Cross- Anna Seghers
12. No No Boy- John Okada
13. Red Calvary- Isaac Babel
14. The Collected Poems of Wilfred Owen
15. The Humming Bird's Daughter- Luis Urrea
16. On Trial For My Country- Samkage Stanlake
17. The Harp of Burma.
18. Suriya
19. The Human Season- Han Kang
20. The Assault- Harry Mulisch
21. The Lake In The Wind- Yashlif
22. Children of the Future- Assia Djébar