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STUPID WAR STORIES: Tales From The Wonder War, Vietnam 1970-1971



Synopsis

STUPID WAR STORIES is a comedic tell-all memoir about the zany, occasionally R-rated, and sometimes terrifying experiences of one soldier's tour of duty during the Vietnam War. The Atomic Outhouse, Hot Extractions, Listening Out, Best Vacation Ever, and Donut Dollies, will have you enthralled. These stories and sixty more like them pull no punches to give you a genuine understanding of a war that was more bizarre than you ever imagined.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased the book believing it was a variety of short stories about stupid actions during the Vietnam War. I was totally wrong as it is a memoir on one individual who went to Vietnam for a year. He was not an infantryman and believed he would be stationed out of harms way. This was not the way it turned out. The book was so enjoyable that I was sad when I finished it. I wanted it to last and last because I could not get enough of it. SP5 Pomeroy is a great writer and he did see a lot of action even though he wasn't looking for it. Everything that would happen to him and the soldiers around him, he would turn a serious incident into a comical incident. Some of the stories were GUT BUSTING funny. I guarantee you if you are having a bad day and want to get out of your sorrowful mood, buy this book and his stories will brighten your day. I have read many books relating to the

Vietnam War and I place this one at the top of the list. Thank You SP5 Pomeroy for your service and your book for it brightened a mature citizen days.

Of the many books that I have read of the war in Vietnam, this was certainly one of the most enjoyable. The author was assigned to an artillery unit at various firebases. Many of the books are by the young men who were draftees assigned to the infantry, living day by day in the jungle. This book was a rather light-hearted adventure of day to day activities at artillery fire bases, albeit in the northern part of the country during some of the heaviest fighting around the Ho Chi Minh trail and into neighboring Laos. Although there were the wounded and deaths from incoming fire, it was written in a manner that attempted to overcome the horrors of war. In fact, he and his buddies had their own ongoing conflicts with the higher echelons. Looking back, I remain amazed at the courage of the young people who were drafted and sent to fight a political war in a foreign country. Where do we find these brave young people?

Contrary to the title this book is a fantastic account of one man during his tour in Vietnam. An electronic tech assigned to an Artillery unit to maintain their weather gizzmo that was used to make sure the arty rounds went where they was supposed to go. The Vietcong knew this and tried to destroy it every chance they could. Factual accounts of everyday life, to include some eye opening situations about the USO tours. I couldn't put the book down. (A Vietnam era vet. I was in Korea 68-69)

Great writing - great story. I've read many books about the Vietnam War and America's role in it. The further you get from the dirt, the further you get from the truth. Mr. Pomeroy's account is as close as you can get to the dirt as possible. No 'John Wayne' heroics, but lots of realistic details of what it's like to have been there. From this book you can tell he lived through a very difficult (that's an understatement !) time. In spite of this, he seems to have come out OK. Thanks for your service and your story, Mr Pomeroy. America is only now beginning to appreciate your sacrifice. I only wish the book were twice as long.

Being a Vietnam Veteran, it was interesting to see Keith Pomeroy's point of view. He pretty much hit the nail on the head. I found similar events during my tour where humor was the only relief we had from the constant fear of the events around us. I too had similar experiences that I buried upon my return to the "world". It was only after many years that I was able to share these experiences with

others. It is much easier to handle all the memories by remembering all of the humorous events that happened in between.

Well written and healing in many respects. It was a "stupid war" and the stories bring back many memories. People who weren't there won't get it but they might learn something. Our soldiers were winning the war but our disgraceful politicians lost it and the country either ignored it or blamed the soldiers for it. At least we could learn something from the misadventure and this is a chance. The "greatest generation" won the second world war and I thank them and God for it but they also sent my generation to Vietnam.

I spent 31 years in Army uniforms, so I guess I'm a lifer. I enjoyed the book very much early on, but gradually the author told stories that became harder and harder to believe. We've all heard BS war stories, thousands of them, and you become fairly sensitive at detecting the tell-tale clues of an artful liar. And I may be wrong, but I don't think so. I consider Pomeroy to be a good BS'er with an equally good imagination. Likely he has told the stories so many times that they have evolved beyond his own memory. Anyway, if you never served or served only for a short time, this might be pretty entertaining. He tells a story well.

Why was the Vietnam War stupid? Pomeroy provides an array of true to life down to earth examples. The war was stupidly conceived by an incompetent administration, and prosecuted with a total lack of taken and imagination. It was an unnecessary war, one of the few that America truly lost.

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