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**Escape from Saigon How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy** *Square Fish* An unforgettable true story of an orphan caught in the midst of war Over a million South Vietnamese children were orphaned by the Vietnam War. This affecting true account tells the story of Long, who, like more than 40,000 other orphans, is Amerasian -- a mixed-race child -- with little future in Vietnam. Escape from Saigon allows readers to experience Long's struggle to survive in war-torn Vietnam, his dramatic escape to America as part of "Operation Babylift" during the last chaotic days before the fall of Saigon, and his life in the United States as "Matt," part of a loving Ohio family. Finally, as a young doctor, he journeys back to Vietnam, ready to reconcile his Vietnamese past with his American present. As the thirtieth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War approaches, this compelling account provides a fascinating introduction to the war and the plight of children caught in the middle of it. **Escape from Saigon How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy** More than a million South Vietnamese children were orphaned by the Vietnam War. This affecting, true account tells the story of Long, who, like more than 40,000 other orphans, is a mixed-race child with little future in Vietnam and his dramatic escape to America. Under Seige *Perfection Learning* ""Living in a cave under the ground for six weeks . . . I do not think a child could have passed through what I did and have forgotten it." --Lucy McRae, age 10, 1863" Meet Lucy McRae and two other young people, Willie Lord and Frederick Grant, all survivors of the Civil War's Battle for Vicksburg. In 1863, Union troops intend to silence the cannons guarding the Mississippi River at Vicksburg--even if they have to take the city by siege. To hasten surrender,

they are shelling Vicksburg night and day. Terrified townspeople, including Lucy and Willie, take shelter in caves--enduring heat, snakes, and near suffocation. On the Union side, twelve-year-old Frederick Grant has come to visit his father, General Ulysses S. Grant, only to find himself in the midst of battle, experiencing firsthand the horrors of war. Period photographs, engravings, and maps extend this dramatic story as award-winning author Andrea Warren re-creates one of the most important Civil War battles through the eyes of ordinary townspeople, officers and enlisted men from both sides, and, above all, three brave children who were there. *Orphans of a Secret War* Lulu Press, Inc I am a result of the Vietnam War, actually--the "Secret War" in Laos--a bastard son of an American soldier stationed in Udon Thani during the decades-long Indochina conflict. When American soldiers moved into Udon Air Force Base, the promise of great opportunities and riches excited many impoverished villagers around the rural Isaan farmlands; long overlooked by the Thai government. My mother, a young woman at the time, embraced this chance to make money, and even dreamed of being married off to a rich Tahaan Falaang who would take her away from the misery of subsistence living—a poor rural Isaan woman's fantasy that evaporated the moment the Americans packed up and went home. With mounting pressure to survive in these rural lands, my mother did what many women in the same situation did—dropped me off at an orphanage. It was a journey that shredded my spirit and buried me deep in despair. I had no choice but to reach out into the unknown. Fate took me there. But a miracle brought me out... *Orphans of the Secret War American Soldiers Left After Vietnam, Breaking Hearts of Many Thai Women, Abandoning Mix-Breed Children to Grow Up Within a Culture That Wouldn't Accept Them* CreateSpace The title of the conflict "The Vietnam War", doesn't totally encompass the impact it had on the region it consumed--Southeast Asia. In the 1960s and throughout the 70s, the much more powerful North Vietnamese Army took full advantage of Laos' weaker position by fueling the internal conflict within the landlocked country and gaining room for their troops to maneuver within Laos. During this time, and fearing that the communist propaganda would cross its border with Laos and spread unrest within, The Kingdom of Thailand agreed that the US military could use Thai air bases around the country to fight in defense of freedom and democracy. The Americans swarmed into the Thai Kingdom like migrating African bees, ultimately giving Thailand something magical to smile about, at least superficially. The social stratosphere of Thailand quickly adapted like only Thai culture can. Cities were erected around Thai Air Force Bases throughout the nation, solidifying the shaky foundation of shadow businesses that abound in Thailand and generate a large portion of the Thai GDP. One nation's lust gave rise to the "shadow economy" as it temporarily pacified another nation's greed. To supply the popular demand, entertainment venues opened and were thronged with lonely Tahaan Falaang , and "bar-girls" willingly came in waves to provide their

services. Is it that people who are willing to sell their bodies have no dignity, no limits? Or is it the other way around--that the person willing to buy someone's body--has no dignity, and no limits? Before you come to any conclusions, allow me to tell you a short story... I am a result of the Vietnam War, actually-the "Secret War" in Laos--a bastard son of an American soldier stationed in Udon Thani during the decades-long Indochina conflict. When American soldiers moved into Udon Air Force Base, the promise of great opportunities and riches excited many impoverished villagers around the rural Isaan farmlands; long overlooked by the Thai government. My mother, a young woman at the time, embraced this chance to make money, and even dreamed of being married off to a rich Tahaan Falaang who would take her away from the misery of subsistence living-a poor rural Isaan woman's fantasy that evaporated the moment the Americans packed up and went home. Many of the women pursuing a dream became pregnant. Out of guilt, some would abort, knowing that bearing a mixed-breed child would only bring disgrace and shame to her family. Yet, many children were given the chance of life, only to find their culture was not ready to accept them for who they were-children of God. In fact, a Thai term had to be invented just to describe such children-"loog-kruenk" or "half-breed". Something like "half-blood" or "half-ghost-half-human". Upon returning home, pregnant and abandoned, my mother hid her secret as long as she could, only to have it revealed through the noticeably different looking son born to her. He would never be confused with a typical Isaan farmer. Undereducated Isaan villagers did everything possible to lift my mother onto the stage of disgrace. With mounting pressure to survive in these rural lands, my mother did what many women in the same situation did-dropped me off at an orphanage where I witnessed the darker side of "Thai-ness"-and where I quickly learned how to conform to the system. It was a journey that shredded my spirit and buried me deep in despair. I had no choice but to reach out into the unknown, begging a comet to save me and praying to any invisible powers willing to listen to an orphan's plea. Fate took me there. But a miracle brought me out... **Enemy Child The Story of Norman Mineta, a Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp During World War II** *Margaret Ferguson Books* It's 1941 and ten-year-old Norman Mineta is a carefree fourth grader in San Jose, California, who loves baseball, hot dogs, and Cub Scouts. But when Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor, Norm's world is turned upside down. Corecipient of The Flora Stieglitz Straus Award A Horn Book Best Book of the Year One by one, things that he and his Japanese American family took for granted are taken away. In a matter of months they, along with everyone else of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, are forced by the government to move to internment camps, leaving everything they have known behind. At the Heart Mountain internment camp in Wyoming, Norm and his family live in one room in a tar paper barracks with no running water. There are lines for the communal bathroom, lines for the mess hall, and they live behind barbed wire and

under the scrutiny of armed guards in watchtowers. Meticulously researched and informed by extensive interviews with Mineta himself, *Enemy Child* sheds light on a little-known subject of American history. Andrea Warren covers the history of early Asian immigration to the United States and provides historical context on the U.S. government's decision to imprison Japanese Americans alongside a deeply personal account of the sobering effects of that policy. Warren takes readers from sunny California to an isolated wartime prison camp and finally to the halls of Congress to tell the true story of a boy who rose from "enemy child" to a distinguished American statesman. Mineta was the first Asian mayor of a major city (San Jose) and was elected ten times to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he worked tirelessly to pass legislation, including the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. He also served as Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation. He has had requests by other authors to write his biography, but this is the first time he has said yes because he wanted young readers to know the story of America's internment camps. *Enemy Child* includes more than ninety photos, many provided by Norm himself, chronicling his family history and his life. Extensive backmatter includes an Afterword, bibliography, research notes, and multimedia recommendations for further information on this important topic. A California Reading Association Eureka! Nonfiction Gold Award Winner Winner of the Society of Midland Authors Award's Children's Reading Round Table Award for Children's Nonfiction A Capitol Choices Noteworthy Title A Junior Library Guild Selection A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Bank Street Best Book of the Year - Outstanding Merit Orphan Train Rider One Boy's True Story *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt* Discusses the placement of over 200,000 orphaned or abandoned children in homes throughout the Midwest from 1854 to 1929 by recounting the story of one boy and his brothers. Pioneer Girl A True Story of Growing Up on the Prairie *U of Nebraska Press* Describes the early childhood and life of Grace Snyder, whose family owned a Nebraska homestead in the late nineteenth century and endured the hardships and dangers of the prairie. Last Airlift A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War *Pajama Press Inc.* Recounts the story of Tuyet Son Thi Ahn, a girl from a Saigon orphanage who is airlifted out of Saigon in spring of 1975, and finally adopted by a Canadian family. Surviving Hitler A Boy In The Nazi Death Camps *Harper Collins* The life-changing story of a young boy's struggle for survival in a Nazi-run concentration camp, narrated in the voice of Holocaust survivor Jack Mandelbaum. When twelve-year-old Jack Mandelbaum is separated from his family and shipped off to the Blechhammer concentration camp, his life becomes a never-ending nightmare. With minimal food to eat and harsh living conditions threatening his health, Jack manages to survive by thinking of his family. In this Robert F. Silbert Honor book, readers will glimpse the dark reality of life during the Holocaust, and how one boy made it out alive. William Allen White Award Winner Robert F. Silbert Honor ALA Notable Children's Book VOYA Nonfiction Honor Book In the

**Arms of Grace One Saved Child's Journey** *Univoice International Llc* In the Arms of Grace is the powerful story of a modern woman warrior and her battle for physical, emotional and spiritual victory. As a Vietnamese and an American, she provides a link between the two nations through her life experiences. From her days as an orphan in Vietnam, when she sang and danced for American G.I.s, to her "ideal" life of having it all in the United States, LeChristine Hai constantly searched for love, security and belonging. Her "rags to riches" story shows the underside of the "American Dream." Enduring years of emotional and sexual abuse at the hands of her adoptive American father, LeChristine ultimately refuses to be a victim and transforms her life. She takes charge of her own life and becomes a successful business woman, only to discover that she still must confront the pain of abandonment in order to find true peace. When LeChristine Hai's soul search leads her to a reunion with her lost and found Vietnamese mother and sister, she comes full circle and learns how to heal the personal wars within. As she embraces her authentic self, she also opens her heart and life to reveal the healing power of love and courage.

**We Should Never Meet Stories** *St. Martin's Press* Compelling, moving, and beautifully written, the interlinked stories that make up We Should Never Meet alternate between Saigon before the city's fall in 1975 and present-day "Little Saigon" in Southern California---exploring the reverberations of the Vietnam War in a completely new light. Intersecting the lives of eight characters across three decades and two continents, these stories dramatize the events of Operation Babylift, the U.S.-led evacuation of thousands of Vietnamese orphans to America just weeks before the fall of Saigon. Unwitting reminders of the war, these children were considered *bui doi*, the dust of life, and faced an uncertain, dangerous existence if left behind in Vietnam. Four of the stories follow the saga of one orphan's journey from the points-of-view of a teenage mother, a duck farmer and a Catholic nun from the Mekong Delta, a social worker in Saigon, and a volunteer doctor from America. The other four take place twenty years later and chronicle the lives of four Vietnamese orphans now living in America: Kim, an embittered Amerasian searching for her unknown mother; Vinh, her gang member ex-boyfriend who preys on Vietnamese families; Mai, an ambitious orphan who faces her emancipation from the American foster-care system; and Huan, an Amerasian adopted by a white family, who returns to Vietnam with his adoptive mother. We Should Never Meet is one of those rare books that truly takes an original look at the human condition---and marks the exciting debut of a major new writer for our time.

**Books That Teach Kids to Write** *ABC-CLIO* This book provides a wealth of read-aloud titles and related activities that provide busy teachers with the tools to help students in grades K-12 become successful writers. • Includes 14 reproducible sheets that help students practice the skills described in the book • Provides extensive bibliographies and references to all the nearly 400 books discussed • Contains an index that enables teachers to readily access different topics • Presents quotes and

advice from 25 experts in the field *The Vietnam War in American Childhood* University of Georgia Press For American children raised exclusively in wartime--that is, a Cold War containing monolithic communism turned hot in the jungles of Southeast Asia--and the first to grow up with televised combat, Vietnam was predominately a mediated experience. Walter Cronkite was the voice of the conflict, and grim, nightly statistics the most recognizable feature. But as involvement grew, Vietnam affected numerous changes in child life, comparable to the childhood impact of previous conflicts--chiefly the Civil War and World War II--whose intensity and duration also dominated American culture. In this protracted struggle that took on the look of permanence from a child's perspective, adult lives were increasingly militarized, leaving few preadolescents totally insulated. Over the years 1965 to 1973, the vast majority of American children integrated at least some elements of the war into their own routines. Parents, in turn, shaped their children's perspectives on Vietnam, while the more politicized mothers and fathers exposed them to the bitter polarization the war engendered. The fighting only became truly real inasmuch as service in Vietnam called away older community members or was driven home literally when families shared hardships surrounding separation from cousins, brothers, and fathers. In seeing the Vietnam War through the eyes of preadolescent Americans, Joel P. Rhodes suggests broader developmental implications from being socialized to the political and ethical ambiguity of Vietnam. Youth during World War II retained with clarity into adulthood many of the proscriptive patriotic messages about U.S. rightness, why we fight, heroism, or sacrifice. In contrast, Vietnam tended to breed childhood ambivalence, but not necessarily of the hawk and dove kind. This unique perspective on Vietnam continues to complicate adult notions of militarism and warfare, while generally lowering expectations of American leadership and the presidency. *Cold War Friendships Korea, Vietnam, and Asian American Literature* Oxford University Press *Cold War Friendships* explores the plight of the Asian ally of the American wars in Korea and Vietnam. Enlisted into proxy warfare, this figure is not a friend but a "friendly," a wartime convenience enlisted to serve a superpower. It is through this deeply unequal relation, however, that the Cold War friendly secures her own integrity and insists upon her place in the neocolonial imperium. This study reads a set of highly enterprising wartime subjects who make their way to the US via difficult attachments. American forces ventured into newly postcolonial Korea and Vietnam, both plunged into civil wars, to draw the dividing line of the Cold War. The strange success of containment and militarization in Korea unraveled in Vietnam, but the friendly marks the significant continuity between these hot wars. In both cases, the friendly justified the fight: she was also a political necessity who redeployed cold war alliances, and, remarkably, made her way to America. As subjects in process--and indeed, proto-Americans--these figures are prime literary subjects, whose processes of becoming are on full display in Asian American novels and

testimonies of these wars. Literary writings on both of these conflicts are presently burgeoning, and *Cold War Friendships* performs close analyses of key texts whose stylistic constraints and contradictions--shot through with political and historical nuance--present complex gestures of alliance. *The War Orphan* Oxford University Press, USA When Ha arrives as part of Simon's family, the nightmares arrive too. And as Simon tries to find out about Ha and his past, he begins to uncover a war-story which is not the one he wanted to hear. Is the story Simon hears in his head his own, or does it belong to this child who his parents now say is his brother - Ha, the war orphan? This novel with a background in the Vietnam War is now being reissued in a smaller, mass-market paperback format. Rachel Anderson is a previous winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. *One Step at a Time* A Vietnamese Child Finds Her Way Pajama Press Inc. After having been adopted from Vietnam by a loving family in Canada, Tuyet undergoes a series of operations to correct her foot, which was turned inward by polio, so that she may some day walk, run, and play like other children. *Letters from Vietnam* Voices of War Presidio Press "No heroes, everyone did their part, and everyone was scared to death." They are the words of soldier Mark W. Harms in 1968, summing up his combat experience during the Vietnam War. His stunning letter home is just one of hundreds featured in this unforgettable collection, *Letters from Vietnam*. In these affecting pages are the unadorned voices of men and women who fought-and, in some cases, fell-in America's most controversial war. They bring new insights and imagery to a conflict that still haunts our hearts, consciences, and the conduct of our foreign policy. Here are the early days of the fight, when adopting a kitten, finding gold in a stream, or helping a local woman give birth were moments of beauty amid the brutality . . . shattering first-person accounts of firefights, ambushes, and bombings ("I know I will never be the same Joe."-Marine Joe Pais) . . . and thoughtful, pained reflections on the purpose and progress of the entire Southeastern Asian cause ("All these lies about how we're winning and what a great job we're doing . . . It's just not the same as WWII or the Korean War." -Lt. John S. Taylor.) Here, too, are letters as vivid as scenes from a film-Brenda Rodgers's description of her wedding to a soldier on the steps of Saigon City Hall . . . Airman First Class Frank Pilson's recollection of President Johnson's ceremonial dinner with the troops ("He looks tired and worn out-his is not an easy job") . . . and, perhaps most poignant, Emil Spadafora's beseeching of his mother to help him adopt an orphan who is a village's only survivor ("This boy has nothing, and his future holds nothing for him over here.") From fervent patriotism to awakening opposition, *Letters from Vietnam* captures the unmistakable echoes of this earlier era, as well as timeless expressions of hope, horror, fear, and faith. *Vietnamese Americans* Infobase Publishing With the sudden end of the Vietnam War in April 1975, throngs of Vietnamese fled their country. Within months, more than 130,000 arrived in the US, determined to begin their lives anew. Offering a study of this vital segment of the American population, this title

features full-color photographs, fact boxes, information on genealogy, and more. **A Kid's Guide to Asian American History More than 70 Activities** *Chicago Review Press* Hands-on activities, games, and crafts introduce children to the diversity of Asian American cultures and teach them about the people, experiences, and events that have shaped Asian American history. This book is broken down into sections covering American descendents from various Asian countries, including China, Japan, Korea, Philippines, India, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Topics include the history of immigration from Asian countries, important events in U.S. history, sidebars on famous Asian Americans, language lessons, and activities that highlight arts, games, food, clothing, unique celebrations, and folklore. Kids can paint a calligraphy banner, practice Tai Chi, fold an origami dog or cat, build a Japanese rock garden, construct a Korean kite, cook bibingka, and create a chalk rangoli. A time line, glossary, and recommendations for Web sites, books, movies, and museums round out this multicultural guide.

**From Hinton to Hamlet Building Bridges Between Young Adult Literature and the Classics** *Greenwood Publishing Group* Uses thematic groupings built around recent young adult literature as bridges to the classics. This second edition has been revised by more than 60% and expanded. It continues to emphasize the goal of helping teenagers become lifelong readers, as well as critical and confident readers.

**The Fall of Saigon** *Capstone* Describes the events leading up to the evacuation of all Americans in Saigon after the Vietnam War.

**Relief and Rehabilitation of War Victims in Indochina: Orphans and child welfare A Study Guide for Tim O'Brien's "Where Have you Gone, Charming Billy?"** *Gale, Cengage Learning* Deepening Literacy Learning Art and Literature Engagements in K-8 Classrooms *IAP*

**Ho Chi Minh North Vietnamese President** *ABDO Publishing Company* 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 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 Publishing Company. 101 Great, Ready-to-Use Book Lists for Children *ABC-CLIO* Created in consultation with teachers and public librarians, this fantastic collection of 101 ready-to-use book lists provides invaluable help for any educator who plans activities for children that involve using literature.

**War and Childhood in the Era of the Two World Wars** *Cambridge University Press* This innovative book reveals children's experiences and how they became victims and actors during the twentieth century's biggest conflicts.

**Helping Those Experiencing Loss A Guide to Grieving Resources** *ABC-CLIO* · Provides over 450 evaluative annotations of recommended books, audio recordings, video recordings, websites, and organizations · Presents an introduction to the topic as well as a bibliography of consulted sources with each chapter · Includes a comprehensive author-title-subject index **Strategies that Work**

**Teaching Comprehension for Understanding and Engagement** *Stenhouse Publishers* Describes strategies teachers can use to promote reading comprehension in students from kindergarten through eighth grade; and includes examples of student work, illustrations, and other reference tools.

**Literature and the Child** *Cengage Learning* **LITERATURE AND THE CHILD, 9th Edition**, offers thorough, concise coverage of the genres and formats of children's literature and guidance on using literature in the classroom. With a focus on diverse award-winning titles, this market-leading text includes beautifully written and illustrated discussions of exemplary titles for readers in nursery school through middle school. A stunning design features interior illustrations by Lauren Stringer, an award-winning children's book author and illustrator. Each genre chapter contains criteria for evaluating literary quality, equipping students with a resource to guide text selection in the classroom. Practical, research-based information about teaching appears throughout, including sample teaching ideas and an emphasis on the importance of selecting and teaching complex texts. Extensive booklists provide excellent, ongoing resources and highlight texts that emphasize diversity. This text helps teachers understand how to select books that best serve their curriculum goals as well as the interests and needs of their students. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

**Orphans and child welfare Spies and Commandos How America Lost the Secret War in North Vietnam** Complete operational account of the dangerous and deadly missions that made up a disastrous covert operation in which US commandos went behind enemy lines and were captured, killed, or returned with false information.

**The Things They Carried** *HarperCollins UK* The million-copy bestseller, which is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

**Kind World** *HarperCollins* An inspiring collection of stories that demonstrate how a single act of kindness can change our lives, from the hit podcast Kind World On the Kind World program, hosts Andrea Asuaje and Yasmin Amer bring listeners deeply intimate stories and interviews that uplift the spirit and restore faith in humanity. And now, they've collected the show's best-loved stories—including "where are they now?" updates—as well as new ones, all of which serve to remind us that there is good in the world wherever we look. In the tradition of *The Moth* and *Humans of New York*, Kind World is the perfect feel-good gift for anyone who is looking to add a burst of positivity to their life.

**We Rode the Orphan Trains** *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt* Describes the journey many orphan children took looking for families and homes to call their own.

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