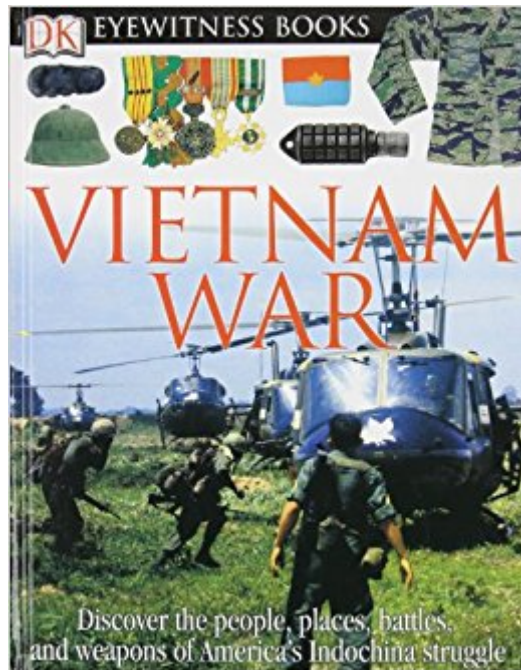


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# DK Eyewitness Books: Vietnam War



## Synopsis

A visual and informative guide to one of the longest and most controversial wars in American history, now revised and updated in the relaunched DK Eyewitness Books format. Explore the people, places, battles, and weapons of America's Indochina struggle with DK Eyewitness Books: Vietnam War. See campaigns in the air and battles in jungles, cities, and rice paddies, from Saigon to the Mekong Delta. Learn about the most powerful combat weapons of the age, including napalm bombs and M-60 machine guns. From the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to the Ho Chi Minh Trail to the Viet Cong to the war's aftermath, discover the Vietnam War, why America went to war in Indochina, and who fought there. Now available for the first time in paperback, DK Eyewitness Books: Vietnam War tells the dramatic story of patriotism, tragedy, bloody conflict, and heroism. Series Overview: Each revised Eyewitness book retains the stunning artwork and photography from the groundbreaking original series, but the text has been reduced and reworked to speak more clearly to younger readers. Still on every colorful page: vibrant annotated photographs and the integrated text-and-pictures approach that makes Eyewitness a perennial favorite of parents, teachers, and school-age kids.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr. 6-9. Like most DK books, this new entry in the Eyewitness Books series is jam-packed with detailed color photos and brief snippets of text that readers will want to return to again and again. Besides identifying major political and military figures from both sides of the conflict, photos and text also document supporters and protesters, as well as the medical workers and civilians caught in the crossfire. Pictures and descriptions of weaponry and machinery will please military buffs, while troubling descriptions of Napalm and Agent Orange expose the grim realities of warfare. Photos of memorabilia, such as patches, pins, and bracelets, add a personal dimension to the struggle. Fully illustrated end matter concludes, including factoids and FAQs, a detailed time line, and a glossary. This wide ranging resource, which holds appeal for readers well beyond the target audience, should reinforce DK's reputation for publishing visually captivating, dependable nonfiction. Roger Leslie

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"The folks at DK have almost single-handedly rejuvenated if not reinvented the often moribund world of non-fiction books for children." • Newsweek

"A mini museum between the covers of a book." • The New York Times

"These books' striking visual impact will draw in even the most casual readers." • School Library Journal

Having spent 2 years in Vietnam, 67-68, I enjoyed the information that you can get from this book, in an easy to read format. Photos are wonderful, and I think any veteran or a person who went through that era, would get something from this book. I have many DK books and think they are well thought out.....

I went to Barnes And Noble to find a book on the Vietnam War. They had nothing. Not one book. I was desperate. What would I do? I searched on the web and found - Eyewitness Books "Vietnam War" and I was set. I needed photos of the Vietnam War for a special project I was doing for a new class I'd started. This book had everything I needed. I completed my class project, did my presentation and received some very nice comments on my work. I could not have done it without this book. Now, thanks to my new confidence I have three projects in the works. John Flanagan

Content and pictures very nice.

A+

The book was very informative and to the point.

The book had some interesting facts but had too many pictures. The writing was choppy in style. I grew up during that war and the book didn't seem to catch the essence of that time.

Growing up in the 60s and 70s, I was very aware of the Vietnam War. I was not old enough to be a warrior or a peace activist. However, I watched and read a lot about the war. Even at a young age, I knew enough to get information from different points of view. In the first decade of the new century, few children and teenagers have much understanding of the lessons of the Vietnam War. This is a serious lack. To be informed citizens, we need to understand our own history. But how do you explain such a complex war to a 10 year old? I gave this book to my 10 year old son in anticipation of a trip to Vietnam. He enjoyed it and was able to be quite articulate in discussing a number of things about the war. DK does a good job of making history relevant by using a visual presentation. It would have been much more difficult to get a child or young adolescent to read a print-only book about a "parents' generation" war. Each page has several color photographs and then uses these to explain the history of the war. This particular book makes an effort to be even handed by presenting information about the American troops, the protesters, and the various Vietnamese factions. It shows the weapons used by both sides. There is a discussion of Agent Orange and Napalm. The medical sections shows how both the Americans and the Vietcong treated their wounded. The section on "The Television War" helps explain how television shaped the American reaction to the war. At the end of the book there is a helpful glossary of terms. There is also a "Find Out More" section that lists useful websites and has a list of museums and memorials to visit in the US. I would recommend supplementing the book by encouraging the child or adolescent to talk to adults who served in Vietnam, or protested the war. Following these discussions, one might ask the child to consider the similarities and differences to the current war in Iraq.

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my 11 year old nephew, who is interested in the Vietnam War. It was well illustrated, and seemed to be at about a 6th-12th grade interest level. He said he really enjoyed it.

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