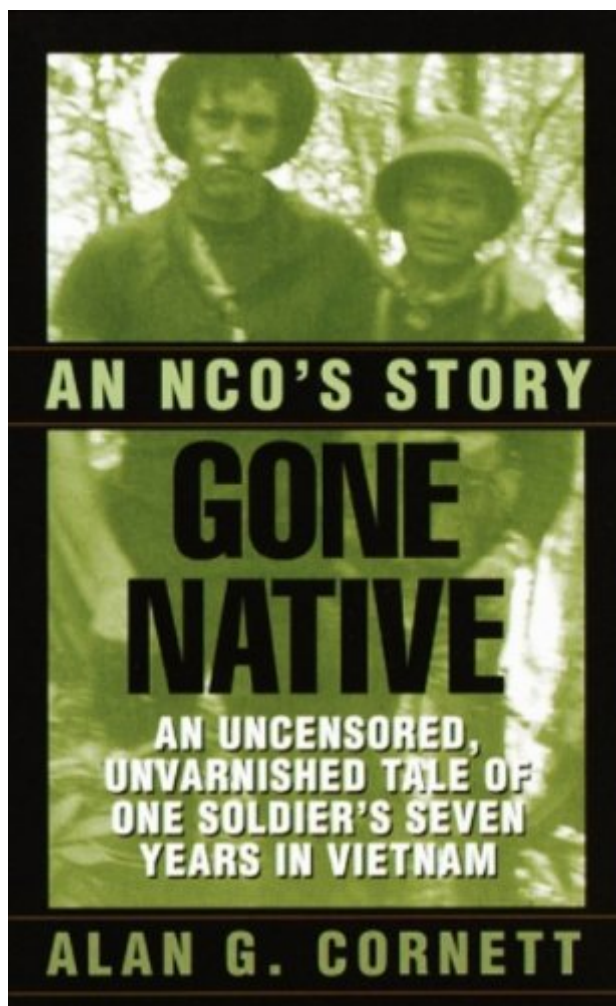




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Synopsis

On his first combat assignment, Cornett accompanied the Vietnamese Rangers on a search-and-destroy mission near Khe Sang. There he gained entree into a culture that he would ultimately respect greatly and admire deeply. Cornett's most challenging military duty began when he joined the Phoenix Program. As part of AK squad, he dressed in enemy uniform and roamed the deadly Central Highlands, capturing high-ranking VC officers in hot firefights and ambushes. It was there, deep in enemy territory, where the smallest mistake meant sudden death, that the Vietnamese fighting men earned his utmost respect. While offering rare glimpses of an aspect of the war most of the military and media never saw, Cornett tells the full, gut-wrenching story of his Vietnam. He also gives an unsparing view of himself - telling a no-holds-barred story of an American soldier who made sacrifices far beyond the call of duty . . . a soldier who, in defiance of the U.S. government, refused to turn his back on the Vietnamese. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I cannot decide if half of what he wrote is true. If even a fourth of the story is true, this warrior is the

real Rambo. It's a very entertaining book. His attitude towards officers reminds me of my half brother who fought in WWII.

Frustrating reading of his problem with drugs. Wonder how things would have turned out if he was clean. Many hero's during that war and I salute them.

An excellent first person narrative of a combat soldiers experiences and personal relationships with the Vietnam people in war time.

I was very surprised, as a 25 year Army MSG (ret), at the life of this soldier. I doubt another one like it can be compared. It was truly enjoyable reading.

He bares it all, even his warts. But he does redeems his self.

I have not read it yet, but I scanned it and it looks great

This is an above-average account of one soldier's experiences in Vietnam for seven years, much of it in combat and out in the bush on special operations. The author is brave and stubborn, but I also perceive him as a troubled soul, anti-authority and a somewhat questionable team player. He operated deep in enemy territory, and set up captures of high-ranking officers and ambushes. He knew if he made an error in judgement or movement, especially wearing the enemy's uniform, that the slightest mistake meant instant death. In this tome, he talked about his sexual exploits, smoking dope and being involved in fragging. He was more than a maverick - and his independent actions could affect others in tragic ways. Being the leader, would I want him on my team? I would have to think long and hard, but if I needed a 'special guy' for a special, delicate operation, Cornett would get my vote.

Great book

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