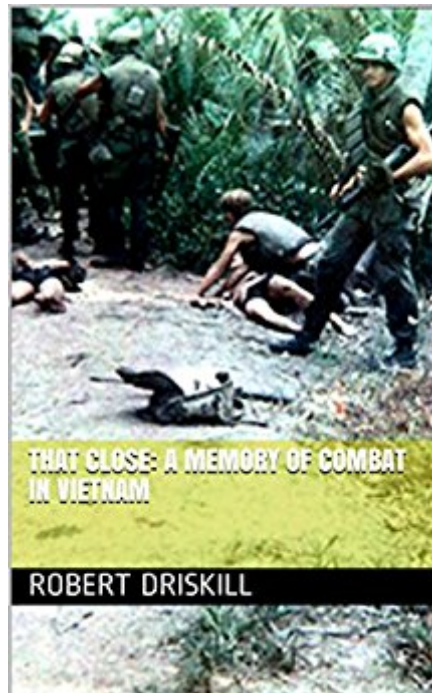




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When I finished this book, I set it down and did some serious thinking. Selfish I know but I really appreciate my life and the fact that I didn't have to experience Vietnam. I really feel for the guys and gals that did. That is how this book affected me.

The day to day terrors lived by those in combat. Been there done that ...I was infantry in Vietnam in 1967. How experience rings true and has not let Vietnam run his life .

This book tells the true stories of the courageous young that fought a bitter political war. God bless them all.

Thoughtfully and intelligently written. Flows like a string of tracers in the night. Couldn't put this book down. You'll learn a lot and feel a lot and will be fulfilled if you're an admirer of our Vietnam veterans and enjoy the genre of literature about this era.

I enjoyed his account of a tour in Vietnam. I've read several first account soldiers stories, and this ranks up with the very good ones.

I never wrote a book but I guess when you are writing to the general public you have to explain every thing in minute detail. Most civilians don't understand the terminology. The book was OK. It's obvious why we lost so many men over there. The raw recruit was going up against an enemy with years of jungle warfare experience.

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