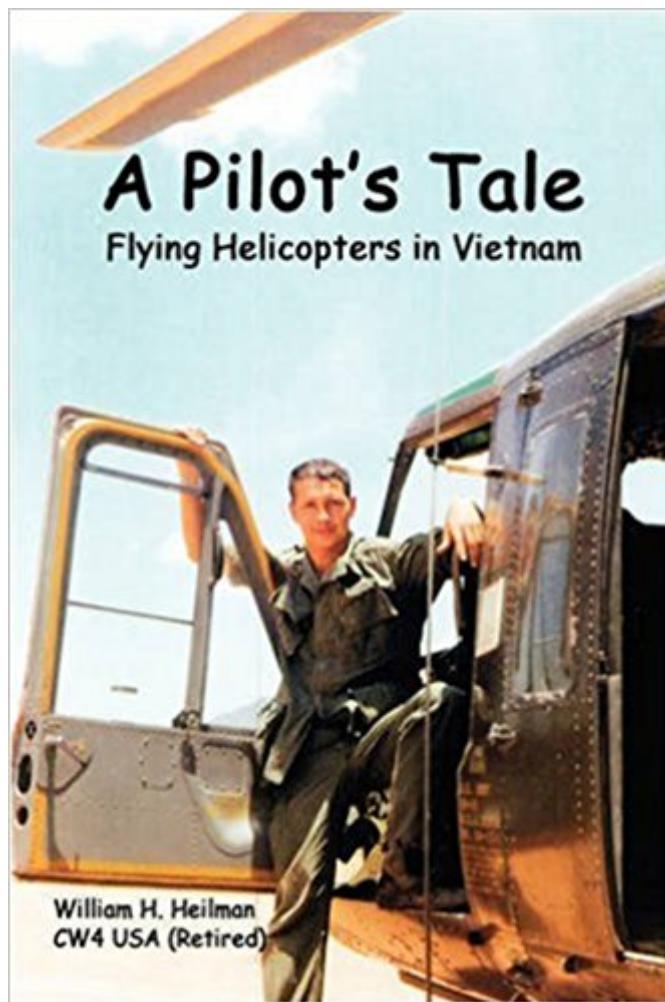


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# A Pilot's Tale - Flying Helicopters In Vietnam



## **Synopsis**

The 60's were a time of turmoil. A war was raging in Southeast Asia and across the country on college campuses, protests against the war were shutting down classes. The country was divided. The author recounts stories about becoming a helicopter pilot and flying two tours of duty in Vietnam during this period.

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An enjoyable book. I also served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. While reading this book I relived my tour and memories flooded back, the fear, the drama, the humor. The stories are well told and the humor priceless. This was not a book about the violence and vulgarity of war, but instead gives the reader a sense of the person telling the stories. What he felt, the enigmas he faced, the effects of his victories and failures. All of us experienced those things. This book tells you what they were. I salute Mr. Heilman for his service.

My husband is really enjoying this book as he was a Huey IP for many years. Truly enjoyable for retired Huey pilots.

I find this to be a well-written little book about both the training, and the combat flying, for/in the Vietnam War. While striving to remain factual (and documenting embellished stories), Bill Heilman manages to mix in a bit of humor, including a joke or two on himself. This book really helps me to better understand the huge amount of training required in order to actually pilot a chopper in

combat, and the skills and nerve required to ferry men and materials into and out of combat zones, even under artillery attack. Interesting, easy (& at times technical), serious, and yet at times humorous, reading.

This book gives me better understanding to the Vietnam War and the difficulties the men serving our country faced. There is a good mix of both the humorous side and the serious side. WWH

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