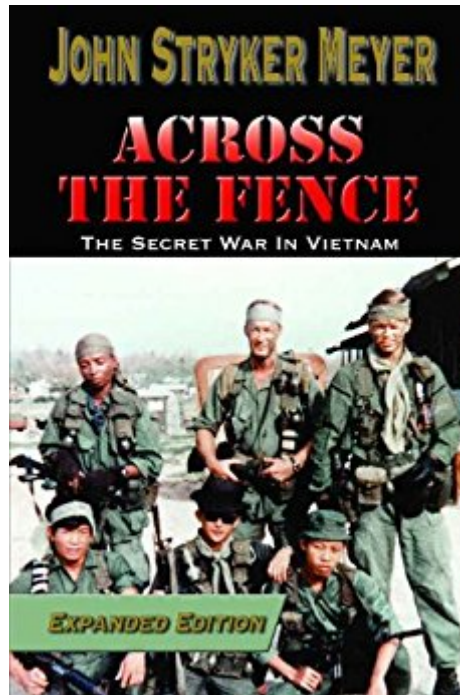




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Across The Fence



Synopsis

For eight years, far beyond the battlefields of Vietnam and the glare of media distortions, American Green Berets fought a deadly secret war in Laos and Cambodia under the aegis of the top secret Military Assistance Command Vietnam â “ Studies and Observations Group, or SOG. Go deep into the jungle with five SOG warriors surrounded by 10,000 enemy troops as they stack up the dead to build a human buttress for protection. Witness a Green Beret, shot in the back four times and left for dead, who survives to fight savagely against incredible odds to complete his missions. Shudder as an enemy soldier touches a Green Beretâ™s boot in the dark of night. Cringe as a Sergeant on SOG Spike Team Louisiana calls in an air strike on his team to break an enemyâ™s wave attack. A team member dies instantly, and a Green Beret has an out-of-body experience as he watches his leg get blown off. âœAs the commander of SOG, I can say that âœAcross the Fenceâ• accurately reflects why the secret war was hazardous for our troops and so deadly for the enemy. â “ Major General John K. Singlaub (U. S. Army Ret.) Black Ops told with the terrifying clarity that only one who was there can tell it.â “ W.E.B. Griffin & William E. Butterworth IV

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Customer Reviews

Back when someone started to tell a war story we'd most often begin with "This ain't no Bull S_#!t!" but more often than not it was. Not this time. John Meyer does a great job of laying it out like it truly was, blemishes and all. The stories take you back to where your heart begins to race just a bit and you notice perspiration beginning to form on your face. If you never ran Special Ops but wanted to know what it was like this is the book that will take you there. In the mid '60s through early '70's America's "Secret War" in Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam was waged by small teams of just 2 or 3 Americans and up to 5 Indigenous troops; sometimes South Vietnamese, sometimes Montagnards and sometimes Chinese Brue, but always very capable, loyal and fierce warriors who knew how to operate in the jungles with stealth and outstanding bravery as well as Platoon size teams - called "Hatchet Forces". John Meyer tells the stories of several teams from MACVSOG FOB 2/CCN (Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observation Group - originally Special Operations Group but changed to be more PC, Forward Operating Base/Command and Control North). The stories are as real as they can be including the fear, frustration, sadness and humor. Over the years there have been many so-called first hand renditions but most are full of hype, bravado and on-occasion pure fantasy. This is the true exception. No one is made out to be more than he was and no one is depicted as the hero. Yet uncommon valor, heroism and bravery come out all the same. Reading Across the Fence makes you proud of our US Army Special Forces Warriors and all the others who supported them including the most brave of all, the King Bee pilots of the Army of the Republic of South Vietnam. If you ever doubted the bravery and dedication of the South Vietnamese to their own cause this book will tell the "rest of the story". Highly recommended for all war story advocates, history buffs and especially for those going through the US Army Special Forces Q-Course and Navy SEAL Buds Course as well as anyone in Special Ops or thinking of volunteering for Special Operations. The lessons learned from this book are something even the best of the military training can't provide. "Across the Fence" is of the same caliber as Phillip Caputo's "A Rumor of War". And if you like this book you'll absolutely love "On the Ground" also by John "Tilt" Meyer. CB "Cork" Motsett Head Frog Vietnam 1068, '69 '70 MACVSOG CCC, 5th SFGA, IV Corps Mike Force

The book was an example of just how hot it could get quick during action. It also is an example of how never giving up can and will save your life.

The majority of the US involvement in Southeast Asia was not a great experience and the teams

that "crossed the fence" lived at the very edge of falling into the abyss. This book gives a very good description and many great stories of LRRP (long range recon patrol) teams that operated in the AO (area of operations) in Cambodia and Laos (and some in North Vietnam). It has been said (although not presented in this book) that some of the teams even worked across the border in China. Pretty spooky stuff is described by the author and the book is well written from the view of someone that was involved in the day to day and night to night Prairie Fire missions. He was lucky that he came back because there were many that did not and have still not been correctly accounted for. Perhaps after this book has come out, other old guys might begin to open up about the secret missions that were run on the Ho Chi Minh trail by the PAVN (people's army vietnam) in order to supply munitions and supplies to the Viet Cong in the south. Good read.

Very honest and straight forward approach to a story that most don't realize ever happened. The author tells it in such a way that you truly have an understanding of what it was like, although even in your wildest dreams can imagine being in the situations described. Because of people described in this book I am honored to call myself an American. Humbled by your service!

I have read many books about the Vietnam war, many written by LRRPS. This one beats them all at raising my blood to boiling. The utter disregard and waste of life over this whole politicians' wet dream is proven to be even more disgraceful and hubristic with this telling. The bravery, courage, tenacity and loyalty these young men possessed leaves you contemplating what sort of beings they are. This first hand account raises the hair on the back of your neck and your blood pressure on every page. It was truly only God's will that any of them survived. Far, far too many did not. Read it and try not to want vengeance on the fat boys with their polished fingernails sitting safely in their Rosewood offices in DC while they send other peoples' children to their pointless deaths.

I couldn't put it down, John puts you right in the jungle with him. Highly recommended, I can't wait to start his next book.

Book was a good read about the unknown war behind the lines and makes you aware of the great sacrifices our men made.

Good book on the Vietnam War. I liked the end where the Author states what happened to those mentioned in the book.

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