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They were gutsy risk-takers who saw firsthand what most Americans knew only from their morning newspapers or the evening news. Many had very particular reasons for going to Vietnam—some had to fight and plead to go—but others ended up there by accident. What happened to them was remarkable and important by any standard. Their lives became exciting beyond anything they had ever imagined, and the experience never left them. It was dangerous—one was wounded, and one was captured by the North Vietnamese—but the challenges they faced were uniquely rewarding.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Often only hours before you took that first sip of ricard or your martini... you had been watching a medic give up on a kid of eighteen or nineteen and flip a cold poncho over his face. Often you could hear the artillery of a battle across the Saigon River. So Kate Webb, a former UPI correspondent, recalls her days as a reporter in Vietnam, moving back and forth between the devastation of the field and the decadent and chaotic nightlife of Saigon. Her story is part of *War Torn: Stories of War from the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam*, written by former correspondents including Denby Fawcett, Jurate Kazickas and UPI's Webb and Tracy Wood. The book collects nine reporters' memoirs that recall the period of 1966-1975, when women's reportage, as Gloria Emerson notes in her introduction, was much rarer than today.

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From Library Journal

Women correspondents in Vietnam were a rarity and frequently discouraged by the military as well as by paternalistic editors who resisted giving them combat assignments. But the nine women reporters whose harrowing war stories are recounted here e.g., Bartimus (Associated Press), Edie Lederer (Associated Press), Anne Merrick (ABC-TV), Laura Palmer (ABC and NBC Radio), and more were determined to go to Vietnam to cover the biggest story of their generation. In the course of their work, one was captured and imprisoned by the enemy and two others were seriously injured. For each woman Vietnam was a life-changing event, her "phantom limb," as Bartimus calls it. These powerful stories of sex, drugs, fear, adventure, horror, and pathos, as well as "the unabashed love" that these reporters observed the men on the battlefield expressing to one another, offer a new perspective on the war and warfare journalism that should be in demand in all public and academic libraries. Highly recommended. Faye Powell, Portland State Univ. Lib., OR

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This fascinating book chronicles the experiences of nine women reporters who covered the Vietnam War from 1966 until 1975. There was no censorship of war coverage, and reporters even went on bombing missions, but there were concerns about allowing women journalists near the fighting because they were considered a distraction. This attitude led female reporters to fight for their right to cover the war, and they won, earning the privilege to face the same horrific, life-threatening situations as male reporters. Several of them, like the soldiers they covered, found some comfort in drugs, alcohol, and sex. They also recall friendships with soldiers and the Vietnamese and their growing cynicism as the controversial war continued. One reporter remembers how Vietnam gave her a family: she met her husband there, and she adopted two Vietnamese orphans. A wire service reporter recounts her brief imprisonment by North Vietnamese in Cambodia. All nine share vivid recollections of danger, loss, and anguish and relay how covering Vietnam changed their lives professionally and personally. *Vanessa Bush*

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