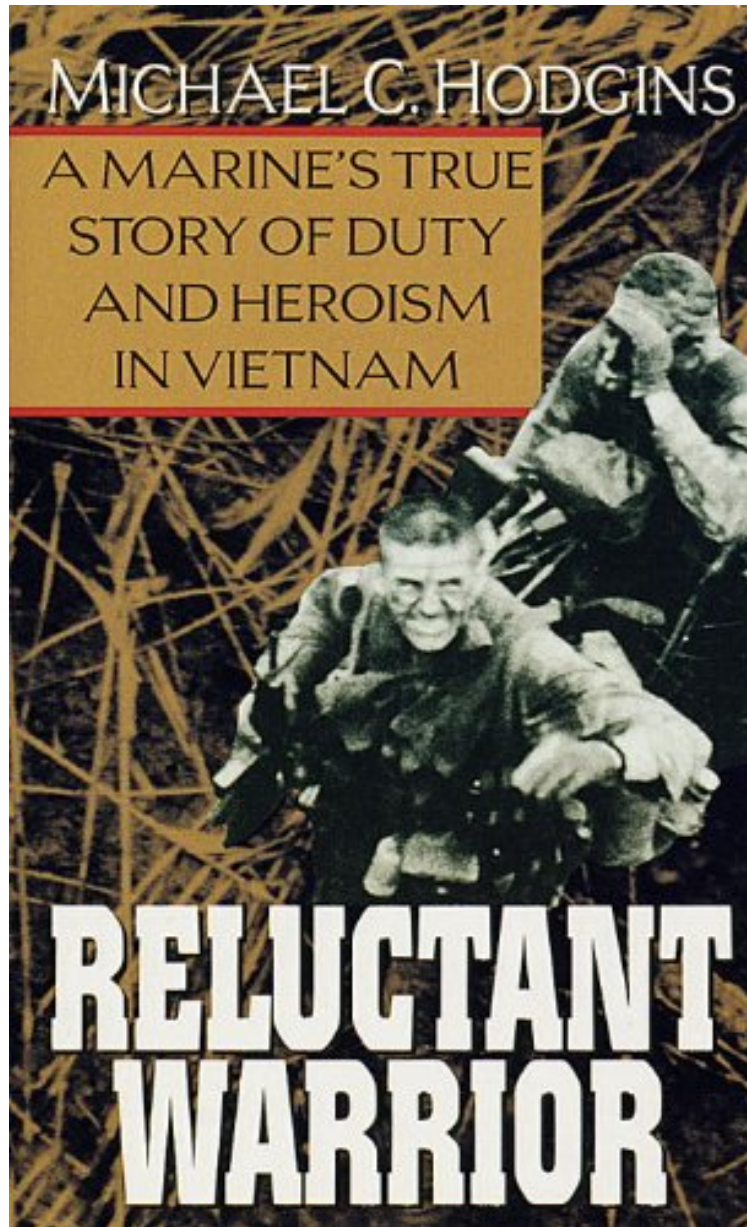


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The kind of book that demands to be read more than once. Von Greg Moss (jumboyang@netsol.net)In his preface, Michael C. Hodgins hits the target when he identifies the motivating factor of 60s-era draft dodgers such as our illustrious president: convenient and self-serving anti-war sentiment. He then leads the reader into his own microcosm of the war in which he led a group of marines on several hair-raising missions into enemy-held territory. The characters come alive: I can still see them crawling through elephant grass and hacking their way through bamboo. I can see their faces and understand their enthusiasm, misgivings, and hopes. Hodgins is by no means the gung-ho grunt of John Wayne movie lore, but a man who was called upon to do his duty and who did it. How Hodgins interacts with the members of his team is fascinating. His keen psychological insights into his men's states of mind intrigued me as much as Hodgins' own doubts and fears, signaled in the text by the recurring thought, "What now Lieutenant?" So well-written, and so laden with meaning on so many different levels, this book could be used as a text in history, literature, or psychology classes. I will definitely be reading this one again.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An honest account of a man's year at war. Von Ein KundeThe author's accounting of himself as an officer of elite Marines is as serious and straight-forward as the missions they undertook in Vietnam. Michael Hodgins skillfully, without the usual shoot em up bang bang of war novels, creates an accurate and exciting account of his time with 1st Recon. We are privy as readers to an inside look at preparations, logistics and worry not ever seen when looking at a small group of camouflaged men clinging to a ladder below a helicopter. This novel will remain always an historical account of the Marine Corps involvement in Vietnam during its dangerous disengagement in 1970. Well done Michael Hodgins, I hope you will write more.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Misnamed (Hodgins was not reluctant) but captures the horror Von Ein KundeFor those who opposed the war in Vietnam, this book makes especially good reading. Indeed, despite the author's obvious distaste for war protesters, whom he evidently views as cowards, shirkers and self-righteous manipulators of the system à la Bill Clinton, the book unwittingly affirms the stupidity of the war and its largely aimless character, especially at the end. While Mr. Hodgins goes to great lengths to portray himself as the quintessential platoon leader --cold, calculating, dedicated to his men--he also comes off as that which he denies he is: gung ho to the extreme and quite caught up in the "Semper Paratus" mystique of the marines.

Kurzbeschreibung"ONE OF THE BEST VIETNAM WAR STORIES I'VE EVER READ, one damn good, compelling read. It's almost something out of a Clancy novel, yet it's true. The best thing I can say about it is I didn't want it to end."--Col. David Hackworth, New York Times bestselling author of About FaceBy the spring of 1970, American troops were ordered to pull out of Vietnam. The Marines of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel "Wild Bill" Drumright, were assigned to cover the withdrawal of 1st Marine Division. The Marines of 1st RECON Bn operated in teams of six or seven men. Heavily armed, the teams fought a multitude of bitter engagements with a numerically superior and increasingly aggressive enemy. Michael C. Hodgins served in Company C, 1st RECON Bn (Rein), as a platoon leader. In powerful, graphic prose, he chronicles his experience as a patrol leader in myriad combat situations--from hasty ambush to emergency extraction to prisoner snatch to combined-arms ambush. . . . "THIS MEMOIR IS GRIPPING."--American WayFrom the Paperback edition.From BooklistHodgins was a Marine Corps platoon leader in Vietnam during 1970, and this fine memoir of his time there puts readers right in-country. Hodgins went to Vietnam with few illusions: America is in the process of pulling out; troop morale is low; and many feel the top brass doesn't have a clue as to what is actually going on. But all of that is left behind once Hodgins and platoon are dropped into "the bush" on their combat patrols. The tension and strain is palpable when Hodgins and his men search out the North Vietnamese. A truly harrowing scene is re-created: the patrol takes two prisoners, flees from the North Vietnamese forces in pursuit, and is extracted via "the flying trapeze," a rope ladder dangled from a helicopter. Particularly affecting is the strong bond formed between these men. A gritty and poignant addition to the literature of Vietnam. Brian McCombieFrom Kirkus sA dialogue-heavy, techno-talk-filled war memoir by a former Marine lieutenant who led reconnaissance missions in Vietnam in 1970. Hodgins joined the US Marine Corps in 1964. After five years as an enlisted man, he became an officer in 1969, at the height of the American war in Vietnam. Later that year, Hodgins went to Vietnam, where he served as an infantry platoon leader. He then passed up a safe job in the rear and volunteered to become a reconnaissance platoon leader in northern Vietnam. Hodgins's book concentrates on the three-plus months he spent leading dangerous, tension-filled patrols behind enemy lines--a story he tells as if it happened yesterday. The narrative is filled with minute-by-minute reconstructions of what the author experienced, from the mundane to the extraordinary. Possessing something akin to total recall of events that took place 26 years ago, Hodgins spells out in great detail the meals he ate, the beverages he consumed, the conversations he had with his fellow officers and the enlisted men who served under him, the types of weapons he and his men carried, and the weather and terrain conditions they encountered--among myriad other details. Hodgins "freshened" his memory of those long-ago events, he says, by studying official Marine Corps documents, "historical publications," letters and diaries written by his former comrades, and "by personal interviews with some of those men." The result is a decently

written wartime journal that in some parts reads like a novel. Hodgins tells his tale chronologically, sticking to facts and offering little reflection on the sometimes momentous events he took part in. This is occasionally jarring, as in the case where he describes shooting a wounded, unarmed enemy soldier. For Marine Corps action aficionados only. (8 pages bw photos, not seen) (Author tour) -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.