

HISTORY/MILITARY/VIETNAM WAR

LAND OF FROZEN LAUGHTER

Written from the viewpoint of a civilian war veteran, *Land of Frozen Laughter* is the story of John Lewallen's two years as an International Voluntary Services volunteer in South Vietnam at the height of the war. This book offers a unique, uncensored view of wartime life with US soldiers and the people of Vietnam.

John Lewallen reports the full range of experiences that made him become a lifelong activist in the environmental and peace movements:

- ◆ The macabre world of the choppers, bases, bars, and brothels of American Vietnam;
- ◆ The brutal 1968 Tet Offensive;
- ◆ The Montagnards' and Chams' struggle for cultural survival;
- ◆ The complex role of a community development volunteer in a wartime environment;
- ◆ The glittering parties, frenzied suicidal abandon, and surprising tenderness as Saigon awaits the final communist assault.

Land of Frozen Laughter offers a perspective that complements those of military veterans and gives vivid new life to the written record of a turbulent period in America's history.



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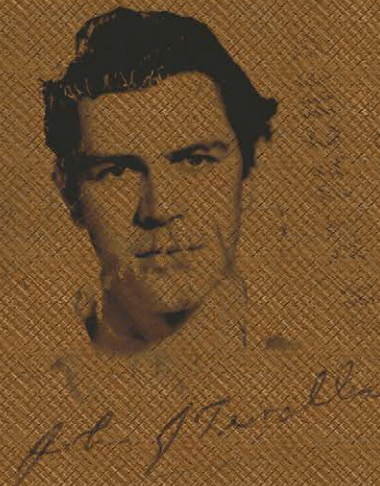
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