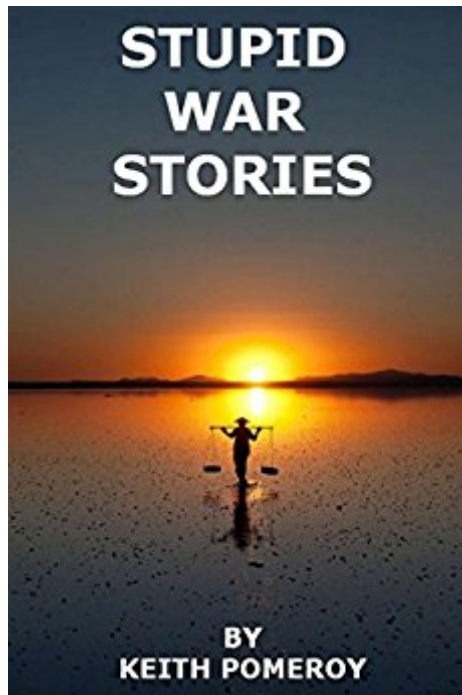


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STUPID WAR STORIES: Tales From The Wonder War, Vietnam 1970-1971



Synopsis

STUPID WAR STORIES is a comedic tell-all memoir about the zany, occasionally R-rated, and sometimes terrifying experiences of one soldier's tour of duty during the Vietnam War. The Atomic Outhouse, Hot Extractions, Listening Out, and Best Vacation Ever, will have you enthralled. These stories and sixty more like them pull no punches to give you a genuine understanding of a war that was more bizarre than you ever imagined.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased the book believing it was a variety of short stories about stupid actions during the Vietnam War. I was totally wrong as it is a memoir on one individual who went to Vietnam for a year. He was not an infantryman and believed he would be stationed out of harms way. This was not the way it turned out. The book was so enjoyable that I was sad when I finished it. I wanted it to last and last because I could not get enough of it. SP5 Pomeroy is a great writer and he did see a lot of action even though he wasn't looking for it. Everything that would happen to him and the soldiers around him, he would turn a serious incident into a comical incident. Some of the stories were GUT BUSTING funny. I guarantee you if you are having a bad day and want to get out of your sorrowful

mood, buy this book and his stories will brighten your day. I have read many books relating to the Vietnam War and I place this one at the top of the list. Thank You SP5 Pomeroy for your service and your book for it brightened a mature citizen days.

Of the many books that I have read of the war in Vietnam, this was certainly one of the most enjoyable. The author was assigned to an artillery unit at various firebases. Many of the books are by the young men who were draftees assigned to the infantry, living day by day in the jungle. This book was a rather light-hearted adventure of day to day activities at artillery fire bases, albeit in the northern part of the country during some of the heaviest fighting around the Ho Chi Minh trail and into neighboring Laos. Although there were the wounded and deaths from incoming fire, it was written in a manner that attempted to overcome the horrors of war. In fact, he and his buddies had their own ongoing conflicts with the higher echelons. Looking back, I remain amazed at the courage of the young people who were drafted and sent to fight a political war in a foreign country. Where do we find these brave young people?

This was a great book. Perfect combination of a description of his time in Vietnam with a sardonic sense of humor. The author was in meteorology, which interestingly required him to be nearer the front lines than I thought because artillery units needed to have precise knowledge of atmospheric conditions. So, he and his buddies launched balloons with radiosondes every six hours or so. This put him forward enough (along with some special assignments) to experience combat, but far enough in the rear to have time and energy to get himself into trouble... His sense of the absurd was right to tell this story.

Being a Vietnam Veteran, it was interesting to see Keith Pomeroy's point of view. He pretty much hit the nail on the head. I found similar events during my tour where humor was the only relief we had from the constant fear of the events around us. I too had similar experiences that I buried upon my return to the "world". It was only after many years that I was able to share these experiences with others. It is much easier to handle all the memories by remembering all of the humorous events that happened in between.

Well written and healing in many respects. It was a "stupid war" and the stories bring back many memories. People who weren't there won't get it but they might learn something. Our soldiers were winning the war but our disgraceful politicians lost it and the country either ignored it or blamed the

soldiers for it. At least we could learn something from the misadventure and this is a chance. The "greatest generation" won the second world war and I thank them and God for it but they also sent my generation to Vietnam.

The author tells his story as he experienced it and along the way, he tells the story of the guys doing the dirty work. Like all memoirs, you had to have been there to see what he saw and felt. It has been 50 years since those events happened. I love the part in the book where he is on guard duty, with two pop up flares, and he accidentally let's one go. First of all, the most powerful nation in the world could not see fit to provide him with all the tools to keep him and his unit safe. Two pop up flares per position, what a joke. He writes for all those that were sent out to do the blue collar dirty work, that is all a part of war, and makes sure that officers and staff nco's catch his barb. In the end of it all, he is humble enough, and on point to mention those he served with and did not come home. I highly recommend this book, it captured feelings and emotions, that only a veteran in a combat zone could experience.

Contrary to the title this book is a fantastic account of one man during his tour in Vietnam. An electronic tech assigned to an Artillery unit to maintain their weather gizzmo that was used to make sure the arty rounds went where they was supposed to go. The Vietcong knew this and tried to destroy it every chance they could. Factual accounts of everyday life, to include some eye opening situations about the USO tours. I couldn't put the book down. (A Vietnam era vet. I was in Korea 68-69)

Mr. Pomeroy has done a great job of explaining something unexplainable, sort of. For how can you really explain something like the Viet Man war? All you can do is either make up stories or tell the truth. A lot of storytelling has taken place concerning that war, fortunately Mr. Ponderous chose to just tell the truth. He is able to put onto words a flowing commentary that shows those of us who were there as well as those who were not what life was really like for one small bunch of men at a certain time and a certain place on a patch of earth that enveloped their lives 24 hours a day. The outside world kept on going while real life and death were carried on by a bunch of boys who were at that place only because of their birth date. While some of us can remember not much more than being spit upon for wearing a uniform, it's good that Mr. Pomeroy can remember some of the little things that these men that only they can understand what it meant in the big picture of things. They don't have to explain their actions, after all, they lived them. But it helps the rest of society to try to

understand what really happened over there so as to hopefully not make the same mistakes again.
God Bless the Home of the Brave.

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