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The Vietnam War explains "the first war America ever lost." The book begins with the War's origins after World War II and discusses the Cold War context of the 1950s. It moves on to the War's escalation in the 1960s and details the drawdown and defeat in the 1970s. Included is an extensive discussion of why the U.S. lost the War. Finally, the text discusses the consequences to America's psyche in the War's aftermath. The Best One-Hour History series is for those who want a quick but coherent overview of major historical events. It will also serve those who need a competent high-level introduction before going further. Each volume provides a clear and concise account of the episode under discussion. In about an hour, the reader will obtain a well-grounded understanding of why each subject holds iconic status in Western Civilization.

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## **Rade says**

Won this in the giveaway. Thank you Robert Freeman and Goodreads.

It really does not get more to the point than this. If you want to know the Who, What, Where, When, and Why of the Vietnam War, this book will give you all the information you need. The author knows how to summarize things on an easy to understand level. It identifies key players, key events, key themes and/or motives, and presents it for you. Very short book but it is jam packed with info. At the end is a nice timeline that shows some of the key events that went on and when they occurred. If you want something that deals with every aspect of the Vietnam War, look somewhere else. If you want something that is short and focused solely on main fact, this is the book for you. Check out author's other The Best One-Hour History books too, from Ancient Greece to the Cold War.

The book was not signed, but it included a nice note from author with his signature.

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## **Kelly Knapp says**

I wish that all history tradebooks were written in this format. Well researched, yet pithy, I read it in one sitting. I have passed it on to my daughter, an 8-12 history teacher, letting her know that this is a great resource for her classes.

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## **Patricia Ann says**

Compelling! Robert Freeman writes in a succinct style with dates, names, places, dynamics. The statistics, the "dispassionate" factual statements made this a compelling read for me. I deeply appreciated his logical format, the time line, the comparisons, political and international structures, that all contributed to this terrific book. Because of his style, the use of actual statistics ( the number dead, the long years of U.S. involvement, the number of civilians dead, the monetary cost, etc.) made the war more real and more horrifying to me. I'd recommend this book to anyone interested in the war, let alone the political overtones that caused this war to continue. Mr. Freeman's style, his language makes this book highly readable and understandable. Great Work!

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## **Tony Parsons says**

since I am a Vietnam war vet & luv 2 read about all military/wars luv 2 win/read this book

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## **Nikkiemarie says**

Let me start by saying that I have never been able to keep the fact of The Vietnam War straight. I don't know why but I couldn't. This book has helped me with the fundamentals of the war. When it started, the beliefs of the American and Vietnamese people and the aftermath. Robert Freeman has written a very functional and informational book. It even includes a timeline of the major events during the war. I would recommend this book to anybody who wants to learn the basics of this war.

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## **Nancy says**

I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads. Hits all the important highlights and gives a good understanding of the war.

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## **Lauren says**

Very good. Devoured this and now feel like I know the basics of the Vietnam conflict. Only downside is that it's fairly obvious that the author thinks that Vietnam was a mistake of epic proportions. I agree, but the other book I was reading felt a bit drier and more neutral.

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## **Tom Donaghey says**

Ask yourself this: how do you take a subject like the Vietnam war, a subject that spans 30 years, two continents, millions upon millions of people, trillions of dollars, a war that to many people is still mind boggling, how do you take that and condense down into 58 pages that take about an hour to read. THIS is how you do it. Robert Freeman has managed to twist that complicated topic, to wring from it the juice that is the tale of the 'Nam war and do it in such a way as to provide clear, concise details as to the history of the Vietnam conflict and the reasons we were there as well as the impact of the war both there and here in the states, and finally explain how and why not only did we lose that war, but why they won it. A little research into Mr. Freeman's biography reveals he teaches a Modern European History AP course and if this book is any indication of his ability to get complex and dividing issues clearly explained in common language, he has to be one wonderful teacher. Consider this an introduction to the study of the war. There are many other volumes you can read that will go into great depth and breath than this, but you can't go wrong by starting here. And if this is a typical book in the "Best One-Hour History" series, they all must be worth far more than the \$6 price tag. This was a great Goodreads win for me and I hope to read more in this series soon.

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