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Vietnam's top military strategist tells the secrets of their victory in May 1975. Published on the first anniversary of the Vietnamese victory over the most powerful nation on Earth, this book is now in its eighth printing. It has been used as a text by professors at 30 colleges and universities.

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E.A. Lake says

A short read, but not an easy read.

The font is 70's at best. Tough to pick up on late at night, at least with my eyes.

Interesting subject, how North Vietnam won the conflict. But the translation is rough (at best). The General repeats his words, phrases even sentences over and over.

It doesn't go into as much detail as I hoped it would. It mostly surface discussion. Maybe with the war just ended, it was hard to be overly introspective on all the details.

All I know is the 'puppet administration' lost and the 'people' won.

Christopher says

While the book is steeped in ideological rhetoric, there are valid military concepts that shine thru. Giap clearly sees the link between policy and strategy which leads to an operational approach. He describes operations in terms of decisive (which supports the decisive point/CoG as part of the operational approach) and supporting or shaping operations. He also describes principles of war: tempo, mobility, surprise, space, and time. While none of this is explicit, those who are familiar with a wider scope of military writings will recognize this. It also contradicts the idea that there are separate eastern and western approaches to warfare. The logic of war remains quite similar, at least, according to Giap.

Yehezkiel Osborn Oroh says

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