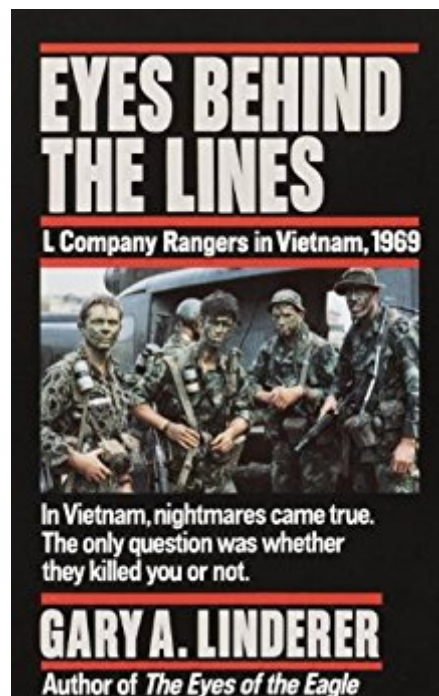




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In mid-December 1968, after recovering from wounds sustained in a murderous mission, Gary Linderer returned to Phu Bai to complete his tour of duty as a LRP. His job was to find the enemy, observe him, or kill him--all the while behind enemy lines, where success could be as dangerous as discovery. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

All the books by Gary Linderer have grabbed my attention. His writing style and his experience in Nam put the reader into the center of the action. He does NOT "aggrandize" the action...there is no need! The reader experiences everything except the pain and smells of battle...Eyes Behind the Lines is a book that is a must for anyone interested in the life of the LRRP in Viet Nam! Further...search for his other titles, you will not be disappointed.

Mr. Linderer provides the reader with yet another chilling account of what it was like to be a Ranger

with the Long Range Patrol (LRP) unit of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, 58th Infantry. This book of course would be book two to the "Eyes of the Eagle" book that Mr. Linderer wrote. This book "Eyes Behind The Lines" in my view was a better book than the first book; however, no more important and no less significant was the first book. This book is first and foremost easy to follow as the author provides the reader with dates; almost as though this is a journal accounting of daily activities. This, the personal historical accounting of the last half of Mr. Linderer's tour in RVN flows smoothly, is written well and in particular what I liked about this book was the refreshing honest view of putting his human and unpolished (in grunt format) accounting for his readers. To some level a person who has a military background will find this book easier to read than will a non-military type; however, Mr. Linderer goes to wonderful lengths to understand that his audience may not have a military background so it is here where he places in the most simplest of terms events, acronyms, and other jargon that is common place among the LRP's. Personally, I was quite captivated by the terrific description of the rappelling; the description was so well written it seemed choreographed for the written pages within. The humor on pages 154 and 155 stand true to themselves so it was good to read of the occasional laughter amongst the LRP's as they confronted garbage on a daily basis. By the time Mr. Linderer had passed up on the opportunity to become Second Lieutenant Linderer (as opposed to Sergeant) I was quite happy so I was also exhausted myself in reading the many operations within the pages. Slicks moving everywhere all the time so I felt as though I were there in reading the pages. It is apparent when reading this book of the link the Rangers had with one another so leaving RVN life would never be the same of course for these gentlemen who knew Mr. Linderer and Mr. Linderer himself acknowledges this; I believed this to be a most admirable quality in recognizing the pain associated with this sort of Military experiences and combat as a whole. The History of the "Grunt" in all forms continues to me, it is all interrelated throughout the course of time so regardless of era. Thank you Vietnam Veterans for your service so I am grateful that you did what you believed at the time you had to do. Welcome Home! Semper Fidelis, Gerry

This book is basically broken down by dates, as opposed to chapters, and for some reason I found this works just as good for the purpose of the telling of the story. Will not say that I was glued to the book, for I have read so many books about this subject that I have probably become very

demanding in what to expect. Still this book breezes by and is easy to follow. So many brave men have written their experiences in Vietnam, more than any other armed conflict in the history of warfare for sure, that I can only wish each and every one of them the very best, for the moments they face and the battles they endured can only be related by them. 4 Stars.

Awesome

Absolutly Riveting. This Author is one of the best I have read. He has the ability to draw you into the story with descriptions so indepth that you can almost smell the jungle. His compasion shines through as he tells about the actions and events that unfold during his tour in Vietnam. I could hardly put this book down, I had to know what happened next to these Brave, Couragious Souls. Tasked with a mission few would accept.I have read Gary Linderers' works of art(It is hard to call this a "Book"). And highly recomment this Author/Artist to all who have an interest in the Depth of the Human Psychy. How would you handle yourself in conditions similar to those of these Brave Souls. Arthur R. Taliaferro III.

Great read

Linderer's critics can go pound sand. He is referenced in so many books by others authors that it makes a person wonder if he really has all the medals he deserves. I don't think so...and I was there. Linderer is an excellent writer and I'm sure has stimulated other Rangers to follow up with their experiences. I wish I had known more about the Rangers and would have had an opportunity to a part of it. They are the real heroes of Vietnam.

Northern I Corps had some of the roughest terrain in Vietnam I spent my tour ,1968_69 in that part of Vietnam first Opcon to the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne ,then with each Brigade of the 101st as a member of Co C 2/34th Armor. Many of the Fire Support Bases he mentioned ,I have been to .Those guys were amazing men in every way. Great book about great men.

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