

AN ANNOTATED READING LIST

**EXPLORING
THE HISTORY AND CULTURE
OF VIETNAM**

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Non-Fiction

LEARNING TRUE LOVE

HOW I LEARNED & PRACTICED SOCIAL CHANGE IN VIET NAM

Chan Khong (Cao Ngoc Phuong)

Parallax Press, 1993

ISBN 0-938077-50-3



The Memoirs of Sister Chan Khong. The book chronicles the amazing life and work of Sister Chan Khong through her early years working with the poor in Saigon, to her years with the Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. A brief glimpse into Buddhism in Viet Nam before 1975. Thich Nhat Hanh writes of her work,; Her life is a Dharma talk, and she has much to tell us”. For more on Thich Nhat Hanh simple google his name or try Amazon for a listing of his works. Also see the web site for the Plum Village. Incredible photographs of Thich Nhat Hanh’s return to Vietnam after some 40 years in exile. www.plumvillage.org/

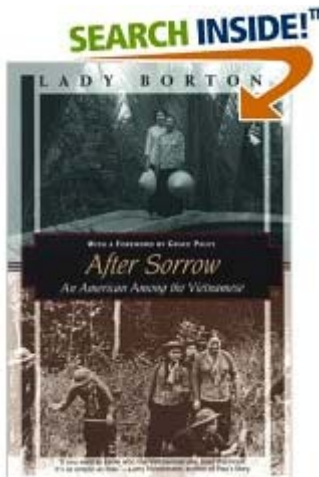
AFTER SORROW

AN AMERICAN AMONG THE VIETNAMESE

Lady Borton

Kodansha International, 1996

ISBN 1-56836-161-0



A truly remarkable book. Also a Memoir. Lady Borton spent more than twenty years in Viet Nam - during the American War and after. She was the first westerner to be given permission to live in a Vietnamese village since the end of the war. The book records her memories of her time in Vietnam between 1983 and the early 1990s . In 1990 Lady Borton returned to Viet Nam to reopen the office of the Quaker Service in Hanoi. The title is taken from Ho Chi Minh’s *A Prison Diary*:” What could be more natural? After sorrow comes joy.”

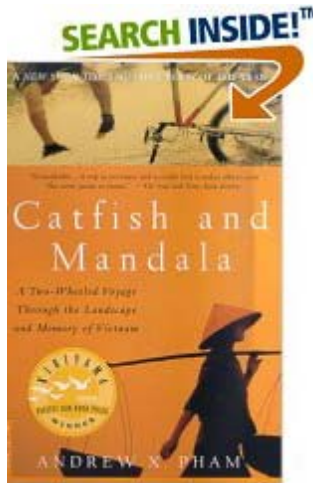
CATFISH AND MANDALA:

A TWO-WHEELED VOYAGE THROUGH THE LANDSCAPE AND MEMORY OF VIETNAM

Andrew X. Pham

Picador USA, 1999

ISBN 0-312-26717-7



Winner of the Pacific Rim Book Prize for 1999. A young man returns in search of identity and an understanding of his motherland. Much more than a travel book – an effort at reconciling the irreconcilable and a story of human resilience. A must read book.

FINDING KATHERINE

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO VIETNAM AND MOTHERHOOD

Dr. Ellen Fitzenrider

Mindful Media, LLC, 2003

ISBN 0-0745964-0-2



Ellen Fitzenrider travelled to Viet Nam in 2001 to complete the adoption of her daughter Katherine from Lang Son Province. She had planned to journey to Lang Son to submit her paperwork and then travel the country for six weeks during the wait for the Giving and Receiving Ceremony. On arrival Fitzenrider is told that she may take Katherine with her. The book tells the story of Ellen and Katherine's travels, to Hanoi, Hue, Ha Long Bay as well as their visit to the Long Tho Pagoda and their school, The School of the Beloved. Wonderful stories. My favourite being the image of the nuns riding back to the school on motorbikes balancing huge garbage bags of clothes following a shopping trip with funds donated by the author's friends and family. Also much more than just the story of their journey.

To purchase go to <http://www.internationaladoptionnews.com/>
Also available on Amazon.

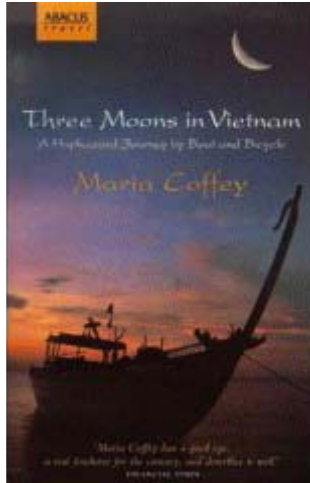
THREE MOONS IN VIETNAM

A HAPHAZARD JOURNEY BY BOAT AND BICYCLE

Marie Coffey

Abacus, 1996

IBSN 0-349-10738-6



Marie Coffey and her husband travelled from the Mekong Delta to Ha Long Bay in the early 1990s. They travelled by leaky fishing boat, sampans and bicycles up the coast line from south to north. I made a list of all the places I would love to visit. The flyleaf describes Coffey's journey as "an unexpected encounter of the heart".

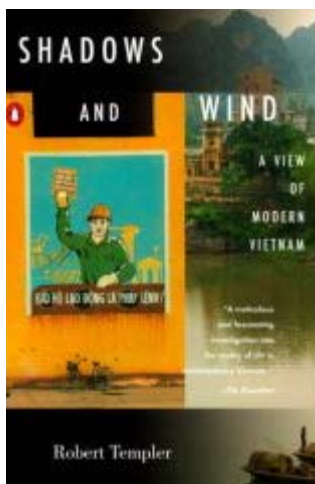
SHADOWS AND WIND

A VIEW OF MODERN VIETNAM

Robert Templer

Penguin Books, 1999

IBSN 0-14-02.8597-0



A very interesting book and well worth reading. Interesting on its own merits for his observations, analysis and insights but also for his critique of much of the earlier western writings on the subject. If you are looking for a broad, in-depth historical review (from a western perspective) I would recommend starting with FitzGerald's *Fire in Lake* followed by *Shadows and the Wind*.

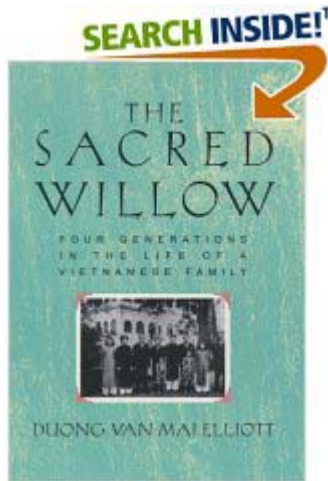
THE SACRED WILLOW

FOUR GENERATION IN THE LIFE OF A VIETNAMESE FAMILY

Duong Van Mai Elliott,

Oxford University Press, 1999

IBSN 0-19 -513787- 6



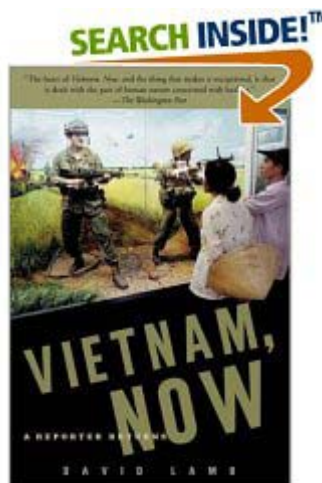
A family story – very readable. A compelling history from the time of the author’s great-grandfather to the present. A microcosm of the history of modern Viet Nam. Sacred Willow is on my must read list.

VIETNAM, NOW: A REPORTER RETURNS

David Lamb

Public Affairs, 2003

ISBN 1586481835



A memoir and also a very personal look at Vietnam today from the perspective of a reporter who served in the Press Corps during the war. Fabulous. A must read book.

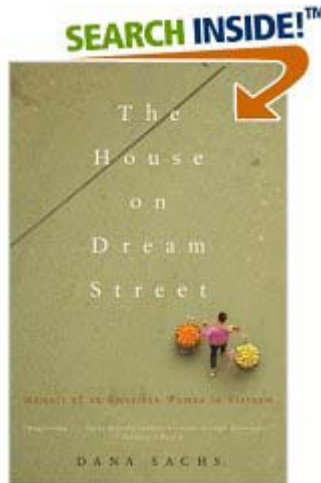
THE HOUSE ON DREAM STREET

MEMOIR OF AN AMERICAN WOMAN IN VIETNAM

Dana Sachs

Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2000

ISBN 1-56512-219-7 (Hardback)



A beautifully told story. Returns one to the streets of Han Oi with her amazingly vivid and accurate narrative. As the jacket says: A moving, and beautifully honest and evocative, account of an American's extended love affair with VietNam and its people.”

A new book is expected shortly from Dana Sachs dealing with the 1975 babylift from VietNam.

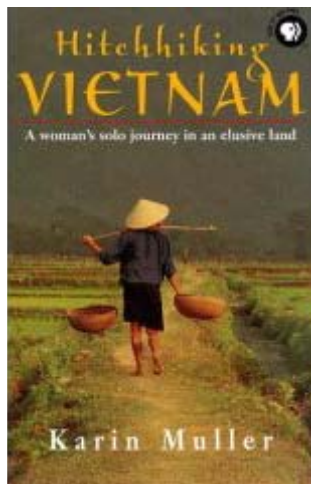
HITCHHIKING VIETNAM

WOMAN'S SOLO JOURNEY IN AN ELUSIVE LAND

Karin Muller

Globe Pequot, 1998

ISBN 0762702435



A good light read and not a bad travel book. If one was to choose, however, Three Moons is the better book by far. If you become hooked however this travelogue is there for anyone who wants more, more more.

EVEN THE WOMEN MUST FIGHT

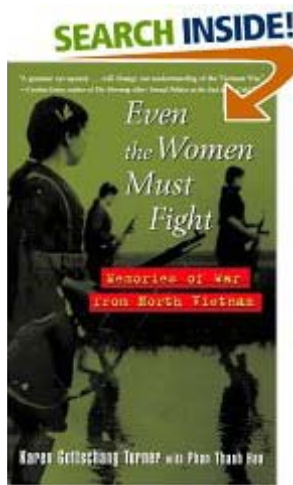
MEMORIES OF WAR FROM NORTH VIETNAM

Karen Gottschang Turner with

Phan Thanh Hao

John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1998

ISBN 0-471-14689-7



Absolutely fascinating and a good read. For anyone who wants a better and more detailed understanding of the impact of the American War on VietNam. The cover commentary describes the book as one, which deals with a long-neglected aspect of the war – “the contributions of Vietnamese women to the independence struggle of their nation and the terrible price they paid for their courage and patriotism”.

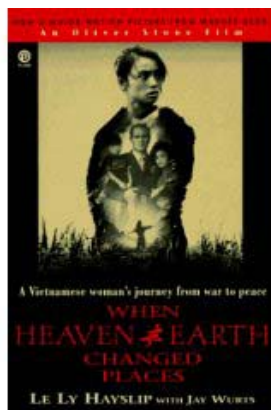
WHEN HEAVEN AND EARTH CHANGED PLACES

VIETNAMESE WOMAN’S JOURNEY FROM WAR TO PEACE

Le Ly Hayslip with Jay Wurts

Penguin Group, 1990

ISBN 0-452-27168-1



In my opinion – this is a must read. Le Ly Hayslip’s memoir, of her childhood and young womanhood in her war torn country. Also the tale of her return twenty years later. Riveting, profoundly sad and beautiful. Le Ly Hayslip was the founder of the East Meets West Foundation. You can find them on the web at <http://www.eastmeetswest.org/>

CHILD OF WAR, WOMAN OF PEACE

Le Ly Hayslip with James Hayslip

Doubleday, 1983

ISBN 0-385-47147-5



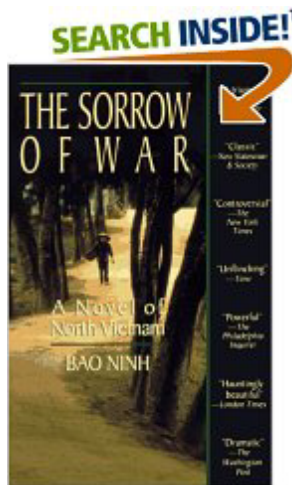
This is the second volume of Le Ly Hayslip's memoirs. The story of her time in the United States and the story of the immigrant experience in times of war.

THE SORROW OF WAR

Bao Ninh

Riverhead Trade (reprint) 1996

ISBN 157 322 543 6



This book is on my must read list. I would however recommend that it not be the first book you read. This book was banned in Vietnam for a number of years but is now readily available both in its original Vietnamese and in translation. Bao Ninh served with the Glorious 27th Youth Brigade. Of the five hundred in this Brigade, Bao Ninh was one of ten who survived. Certainly one of the finest pieces of literature in 20th century writing on war. I found that I had to read this book in stages – it overwhelmed me with sorrow.

FIRE IN THE LAKE

THE VIETNAMESE AND THE AMERICANS IN VIETNAM

Frances Fitzgerald

Little, Brown and Company, 1972

ISBN 0-316-28423-8



First published in 1972 and winner of the Pulitzer Prize. This book was extremely influential in its time. Noted as being the book that showed clearly for the first time how America had utterly and tragically misinterpreted Vietnam. A fascinating read and still valuable thirty years later. For an interesting perspective on how the passage of time has impacted the views expressed by Fitzgerald, *Shadows and Wind* (Robert Templer) makes a very interesting companion book to *Fire in the Lake*. Also see below for Frances Fitzgerald and Mary Cross – Vietnam – *Spirits of the Earth*.

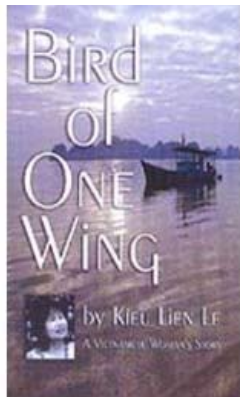
BIRD OF ONE WING

A VIETNAMESE WOMAN'S STORY

Kieu Lien Le

Ancient Mariners Press, 2001

ISBN 0-9700721-5-5



The author's story spans twenty years and covers the family's journey from the north to the south in the early 1950s. For anyone who wants to understand more about the exodus from the north to the south in the early 1950s. The story of a family made refugees twice in their lifetime – first in their flight from the north and then again in 1975.

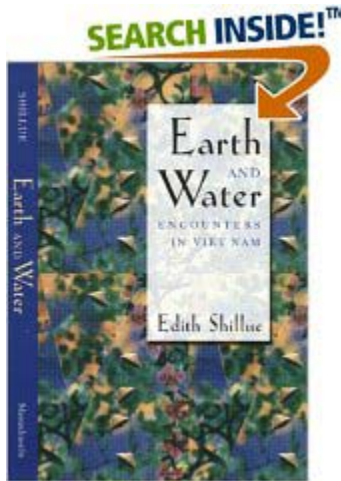
EARTH AND WATER

ENCOUNTERS IN VIETNAM

Edith Shillue

University of Massachusetts Press, 1997

ISBN 1-55849-129-5



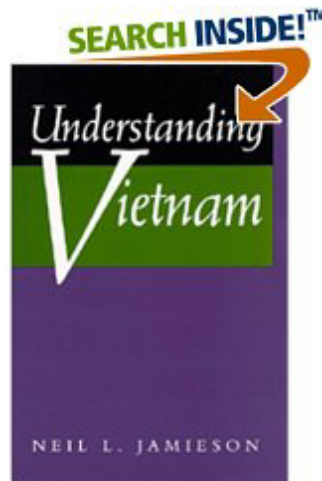
Edith Shillue travelled to Ho Chi Minh City in 1993 to work as a university lecturer in English and American History. This is her story of her time in VietNam including her memoirs of time spent in Nam Ha Province teaching school. A good read.

UNDERSTANDING VIETNAM

Neil L. Jamieson

University of California Press, 1995

ISBN 0-520-20157-4



A readable academic text – considered by many to be the seminal book on Vietnam from a western perspective. “Discloses what the American military and political leadership largely misunderstood: the nature of Vietnamese society, the confrontation with colonialism and Western values, the resistance of the intellectuals, and the culture of the people”. New York Times. Not an easy read – but a worthwhile one.

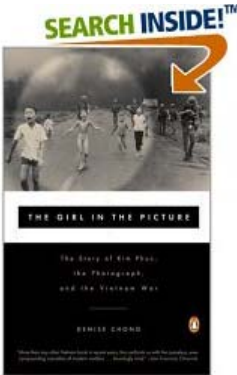
THE GIRL IN THE PICTURE

THE STORY OF KIM PHUC, THE PHOTOGRAPH, AND THE VIETNAM WAR

Denise Chong

Penguin, Reprint, 2001

ISBN 0140280219



A must read book. The story, so familiar, is compelling in this retelling of Kim Phuc's history from childhood to the present. A vivid glimpse of the civilian experience in rural Vietnam during the war. No other book captures this quite the same way. For more on Kim Phuc's work today please go to

<http://www.kimfoundation.com/>

VOICES & VISIONS

A JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM TODAY

Carolijn Visser

Sycamore Island Books, 1994

ISBN 0-87364-761-0

A travelogue in translation from the Dutch original. A good read.

A VIETCONG MEMOIR

AN INSIDE ACCOUNT OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH

Truong Nhu Tang

Vintage, 1986

ISBN 0394743091



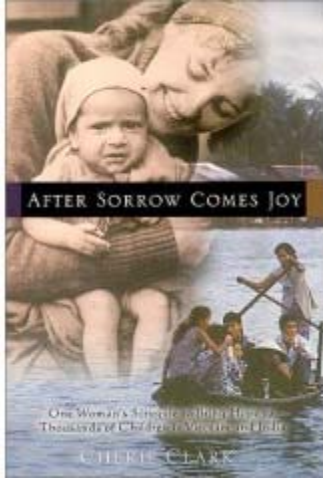
The autobiography of Truong Nhu Tang, now living in exile in Paris. This book is both a political and personal memoir.

AFTER SORROW COMES JOY

Cherie Clark

Lawrence & Thomas Publishing House, 2000

ISBN 0615115624



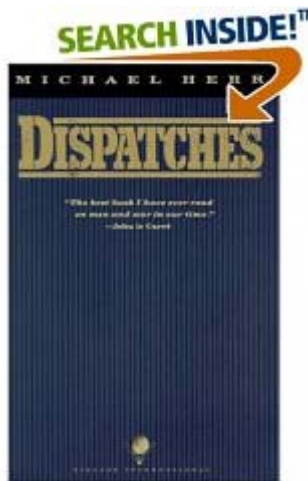
The memoirs of Cherie Clark. Cherie Clark is the founder of International Mission of Hope and mother to ten children. This is her story of her life and work in Vietnam.

DISPATCHES

Michael Herr

Vintage Reprint, 1991

ISBN 0679735259



First published in 1977 to much critical acclaim. Dispatches was drawn from Herr's notes as a front-line reporter during the American War. If you read only one book to better understand the American experience of the war in Vietnam – it should be this one.

HANOI

Mary McCarthy

Harcourt, 1968

ISBN 0 151384509



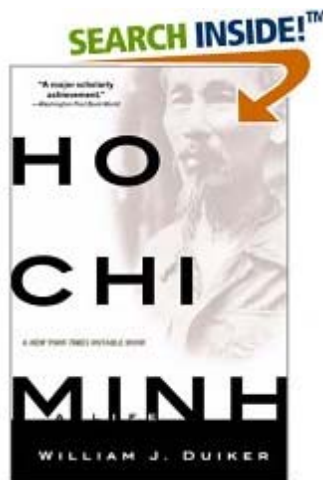
McCarthy's book on her visit to Hanoi and the reverberations in America that followed her visit. A very interesting historical perspective. A tiny little book. For those visiting Hanoi in the 21st century – it is fascinating to read McCarthy's description of Hanoi circa 1967-68.

HO CHI MINH – A LIFE

William J. Duiker

Theia, 2001

ISBN 0-7868-6387-0



Thirty years in the making – it was finally time for this definitive text on the life of this extraordinary man. Richly detailed. After one has read all the history one can manage and is left wondering about this charismatic, powerful presence in the history of the world – this is the book to read. Be warned 700 pages.

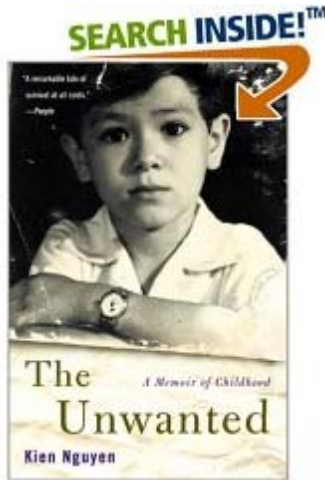
THE UNWANTED

A MEMOIR OF CHILDHOOD

Kien Nguyen

Back Bay Books, 2002

ISBN 0316284610



The memoirs of Kien Nguyen, the child of a Vietnamese mother and an American father. The story of life in Vietnam after the American War and as immigrants to the United States.

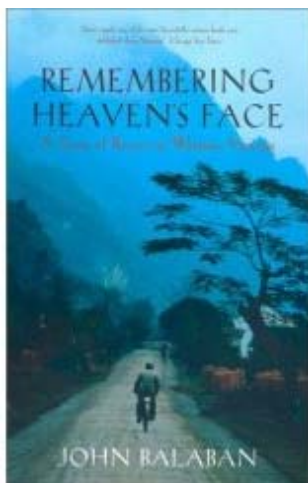
REMEMBERING HEAVEN'S FACE

A STORY OF RESCUE IN WARTIME VIETNAM

John Balaban

The University of Georgia Press, 1991

ISBN 0-8203-2415-9



Remembering Heaven's Face is a truly remarkable memoir and an absolutely riveting read. The New York Times said, Unforgettably lyrical". The story of Balaban's time in VietNam in the late 1960s and early 1970s with the International Voluntary Services and the CRO (Committee of Responsibility to Save War-Burned and War-Injured Children) The book is exceptionally well written. Also highly recommended is *Spring Essence: The Poetry of Ho Xuan Huong* and *Ca Dao Vietnam: A Bilingual Anthology of Vietnamese Folk Poetry*.

FICTION

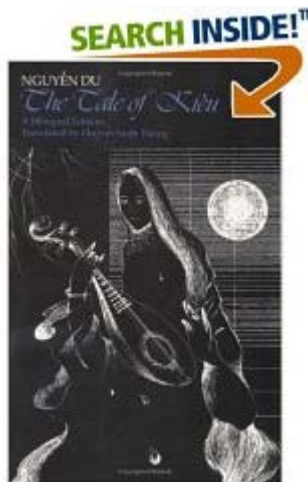
THE TALE OF KIEU

A BILINGUAL EDITION OF NGUYEN DU'S TRUYEN KIEU

Translated by Huynh Sanh Thong

Yale University Press, Reprint , 1987

ISBN 0300040512



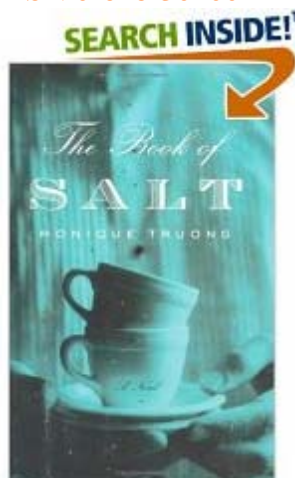
The epic tale of Thuy Kieu is a narrative poem by Nguyen Du. The cornerstone of Vietnamese literature, the Tale of Kieu is generally agreed to have defined the boundaries of modern Vietnamese culture. There is universal agreement that this work is on the must read list of anyone interested in understanding the history and culture of Vietnam.

THE BOOK OF SALT

Monique Truong

Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003

ISBN 0-618-30400-2



Monique Truong was born in Saigon and came to the US at the age of six. She graduated from Columbia University School of Law and practiced in the field of intellectual property. The Book of Salt is Truong's first novel. The cast of characters includes Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. The story really belongs however to Binh, their Vietnamese live-in cook . Binh is the narrator in this novel about loss and exile and identity. Cameo appearance by Nguyen Ai Quoc (Nguyen the Patriot). This is the name used by Ho Chi Minh during his years in France and before his return to VietNam as Ho Chi Minh.

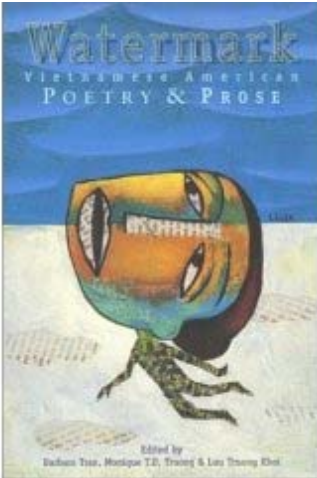
WATERMARK

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN POETRY & PROSE

Edited by Barbara Tran, Monique Truong and Luu Truong Khoi

Asian American Writers Workshop, 1998

ISBN 1-889876-04-6



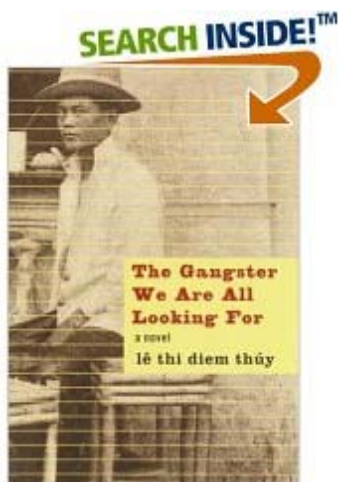
A wonderful collection of poetry and prose – leaves you wanting more. Which in respect of several of the authors represented in this collection is fortunately very possible. One can read the novels of, for example, Dao Strom and le thi diem thuy.

THE GANGSTER WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR

le thi diem thuy

Knoph, 2003

ISBN 0-375-40018-4



This book is at the top of my must read fiction list. A superb first novel and a treasure of a book. From the introduction: "In Vietnamese, the word for *water* and the word for *a nation, a country, and a homeland* are one and the same: nu oc."

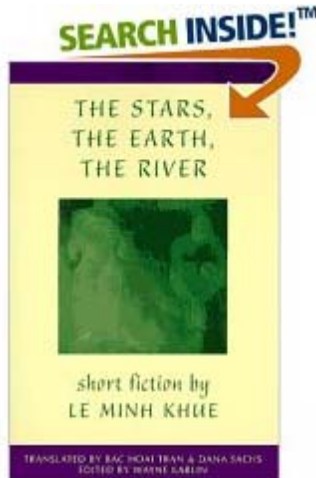
THE STARS, THE EARTH, THE RIVER

Le Minh Khue

Translated by Bac Hoai Tran and Dana Sachs

Curbstone Press, 1997

ISBN 1-8880684-47-0



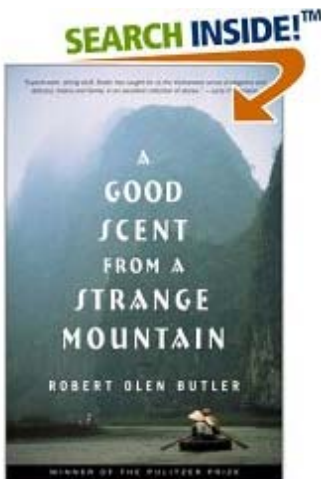
A collection of fourteen stories written over two decades. A view of life in Vietnam before, during and after the American War. Le Minh Khue is one of Vietnam's leading writers.

A GOOD SCENT FROM A STRANGE MOUNTAIN

Robert Olen Butler

Grove Press, 1992

ISBN 0-8021-3798-9



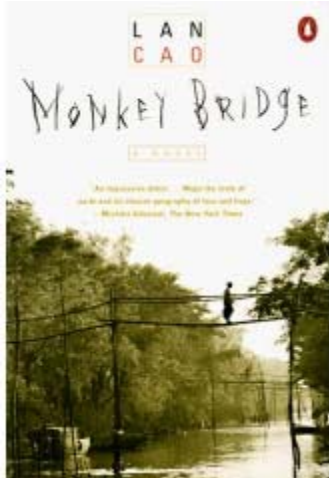
Butler's collection of short stories about Vietnam and the Vietnamese won the Pulitzer Prize. Some of these stories are brilliant – some less so. A good read.

MONKEY BRIDGE

Lan Cao

Penguin, 1998

ISBN 0-13-02.6361 6



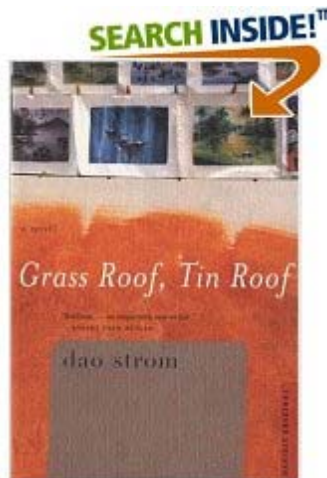
Lan Cao is a professor of international law at Brooklyn Law School. She left VietNam in 1975. *Monkey Bridge* is her first novel. The New York Times said, "An impressive debut...Maps the state of exile and its elusive geography of loss and hope". A beautiful book.

GRASS ROOF, TIN ROOF

Dao Strom

Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003

ISBN 0-618-14559-1



A novel about a Vietnamese family resettling in the backwoods of California. Told from the perspective of the middle child. As the cover says – it is a book about the collision of cultures and the spiritual aftermath of war. Strom's first novel.

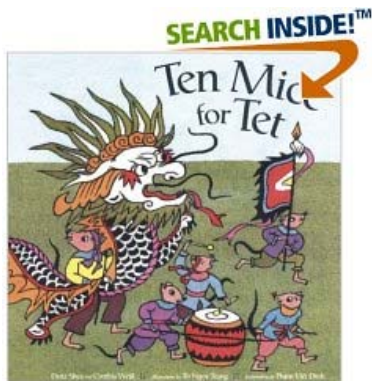
Children's Books

TEN MICE FOR TET

Pegi Deitz Shea

Chronicle Books LLC, 2003

ISBN 0-8118-3496-4



A wonderful pre-school counting book. A village of mice make preparations for Tet. The beautiful illustration, by To Ngoc Trang and Pham Viet Dinh, are rendered in embroidery.

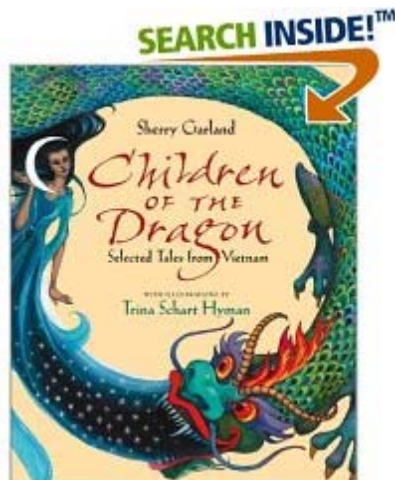
CHILDREN OF THE DRAGON

SELECTED TALES FROM VIETNAM

Sherry Garland

Harcourt, Inc., 2001

ISBN 0-15-224200-7



Six traditional folktales including The Raven and the Star Fruit, Chu Cuoi – The Man in the Moon and The Bowman and the Sisters. The story of Chu Cuoi is told on the night of Tet Trung thu – the Autumn Moon Festival.

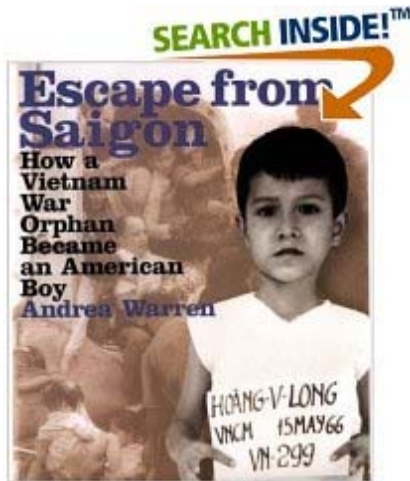
ESCAPE FROM SAIGON

HOW A VIETNAM WAR ORPHAN BECAME AN AMERICAN BOY

Andrea Warren

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004

ISBN 0374322244



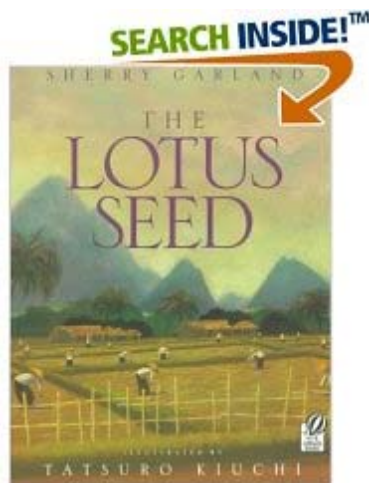
Ages 9-12. The story of Operation Babylift through the eyes of an eight year old Amerasian boy who was part of the airlift. Based on the life of Matt Steiner. The story also includes an account of Steiner's return to Vietnam in 1995. A must read.

THE LOTUS SEED

Sherry Garland and Tatsuuro Kiuchi

Voyager Books, Reprint, 1997

ISBN 0152014837



Ages 4 - 8. A beautiful, beautiful book.

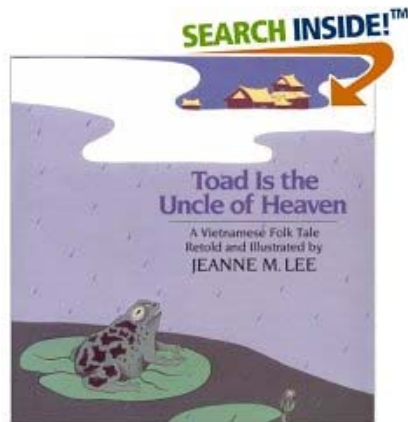
TOAD IS THE UNCLE OF HEAVEN

A VIETNAMESE FOLK TALE

Retold by Jeanne M. Lee

Henry Holt & Co, 1989

ISBN 0805011471



Ages 4 – 8. Delightful in every way.

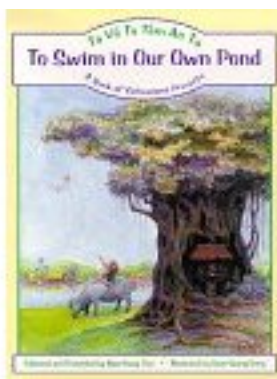
TO SWIM IN OUR OWN POND: TA VE TA TAM AO TA

A BOOK OF VIETNAMESE PROVERBS

Edited by Ngoc Dung Tran

Shen's Books, 1998

ISBN 1885008082



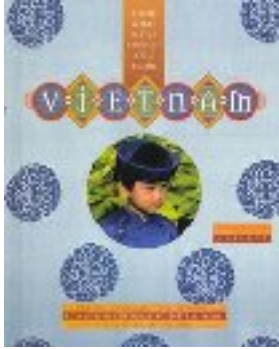
A children's book of twenty-two Vietnamese proverbs and their western equivalents.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BROUGHT YOU FROM VIETNAM

Phyllis Shalant

Julian Messner

ISBN 0671659782



Crafts, games, recipes, stories and other cultural activities from Vietnamese Americans.

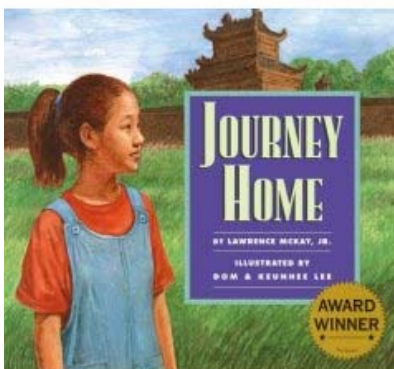
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JOURNEY HOME

Lawrence McKay and Dom Lee

Lee and Law Books, 2000

ISBN 1584300051



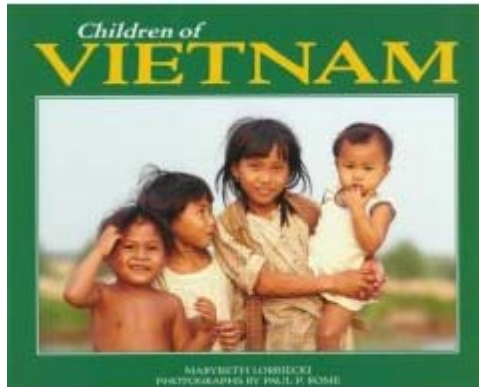
Ages 5 –8 .The story of Mai and her mother. Ten year old Mai joins her mother, separated from her parents during the war, in a journey to VietNam and a search for her mother's birthparents. Touching and beautiful. I have difficulty reading this book without crying.

CHILDREN OF VIETNAM

Marybeth Lorbiecki and Paul P. Rome

Carolrhoda Books, 1997

ISBN 157505034X



Not reviewed. Said to be for children aged 9-12. I suspect that it may well be appropriate for children much younger than this.

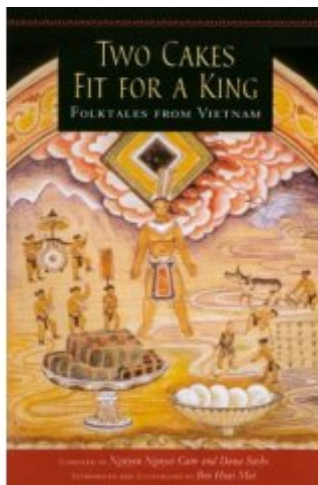
TWO CAKES FIT FOR A KING

FOLK TALES FROM VIETNAM

Edited by Nguyen Nguyet Cam and Dana Sachs

University of Hawaii Press, 2003

ISBN 082482668X



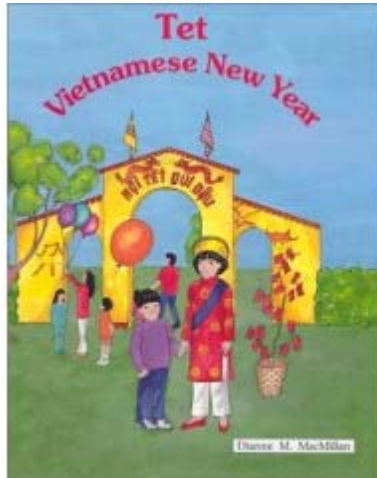
A collection of ten folk tales from VietNam.

TET - THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR

Dianne M. MacMillan

Enslow Publishers, 1994

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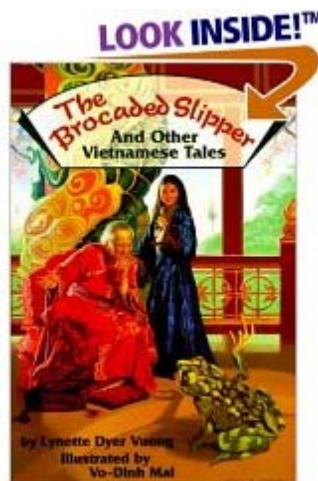
Not yet reviewed.

THE BROCADED SLIPPER AND OTHER VIETNAMESE TALES

Lynette Dyer Vvong and Vo-Dinh Mai

Harper Collin's Reprint, 1992

ISBN 0064404404



Five Vietnamese fairy tales with universal themes including Cinderella, Thumbelina and the Frog Prince.

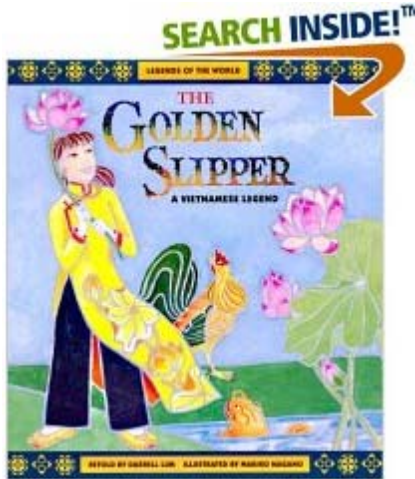
THE GOLDEN SLIPPER

A VIETNAMESE LEGEND

Retold by Darrell Lum, Illustrated by Makiko Nagano

Troll Communication, 1994

ISBN 0-8167-3405-2



A fascinating version of the Cinderella story. A young woman meets her prince with the help of her animal friends.

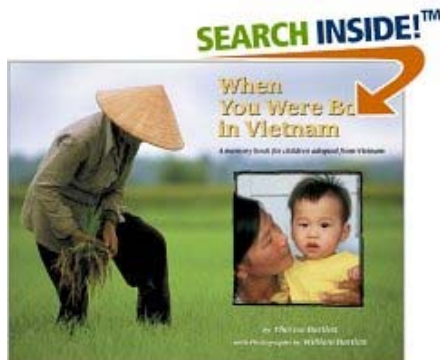
WHEN YOU WERE BORN IN VIETNAM

A MEMORY BOOK FOR CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM VIETNAM

Therese Bartlett

Yeong & Yeong Book Company, 2001

ISBN 0-9638472-5-2



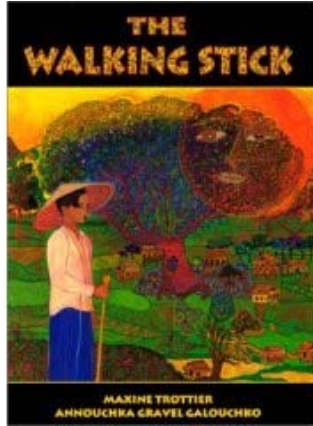
The text is by Therese Bartlett and the photographs by William Bartlett. The Bartletts are the parents of two young children from Vietnam. Proceeds from the sale of the book are donated to the Catalyst Foundation. Copies of the book can be purchased directly from Catalyst (www.catalystfoundation.org). Also from the Bartletts is The Little Red Fairy Company (www.littleredfairy.com) Little Red Fairy Company sponsors the My Vietnam art contests which provide scholarships to children in Vietnam.

THE WALKING STICK

Maxine Trottier and Annouchka Gravel Galouchko

Fitzhenry & Whitehead Limited (March 1999)

ISBN:0773731016



Ages 4 to 8

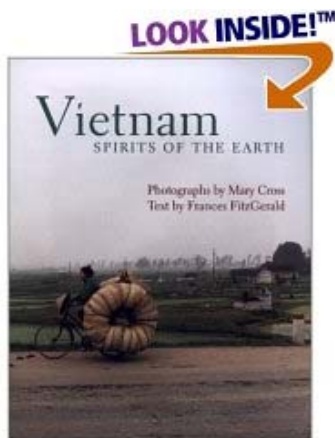
A young boy finds a teak stick near the temple where his uncle, a monk, lives. The uncle fashions the stick into a brass tipped walking stick. He tells his nephew that the Buddha “will watch over you no matter where you go, and bring you safely home.” Many years later in a land across the sea an old man tells his granddaughter the stories of the walking stick. She travels to VietNam with her grandfather’s walking stick. She returns to the Temple where she leaves the walking stick as her offering at the foot of the Buddha. A beautifully told story. Lovely illustrations.

Photography and Beautiful Books

VIETNAM: SPIRITS OF THE EARTH

Frances FitzGerald and Mary Cross

A Bullfinch Press Book, 2001



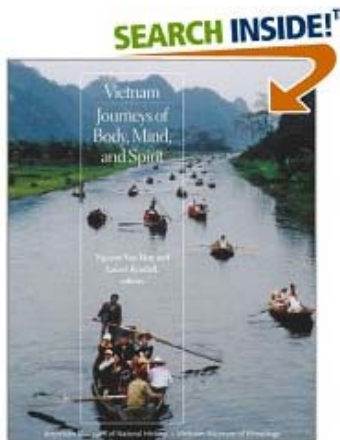
A stunning book of photographs. Text by Frances FitzGerald.

VIETNAM: JOURNEYS OF BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT

Edited by Nguyen Van Huy and Laurel Kendall

University of California Press, 2003

ISBN 0520238729



This book is the result of a collaboration between the American Museum of Natural History and the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology. Beautiful photographs. A fascinating book. I have listed the paperback version but would recommend the hardback. It is worth keeping.

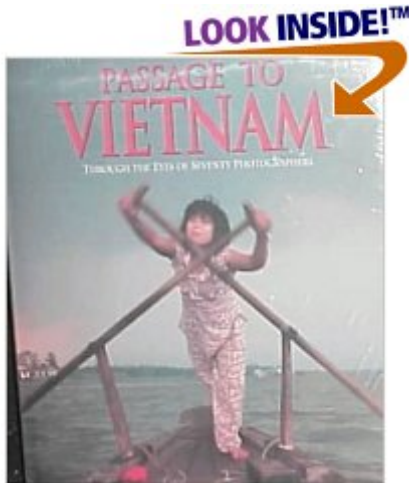
PASSAGE TO VIETNAM

THROUGH THE EYES OF SEVENTY PHOTOGRAPHERS

Edited by Rick Smolan and Jennifer Erwitt

Against All Odds Productions & Melcher Media, 1994

ISBN 1-885559-00-3



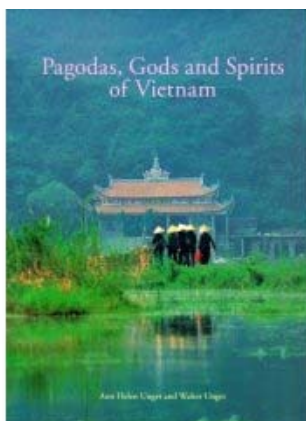
Imagine. 1994. Rick Smolan is given permission to travel freely through Vietnam for seven days with a huge international contingent of photographers. Beautiful.

PAGODAS, GODS AND SPIRITS OF VIETNAM

Ann Helen Unger and Walter Unger

Thames & Hudson, 1997

ISBN 0500018030



Text and illustrations exploring the incredibly varied religions and religious sects of Vietnam. Certainly not comprehensive – this would be almost impossible. But a fabulous overview coupled with extraordinary photography. This book is out of print and sometimes a bit hard to get hold of. Copies do become available on Amazon and on <http://www.abebooks.com/>

Cookbooks

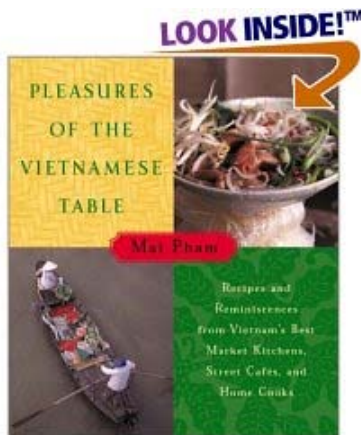
There are many great Vietnamese cookbooks – these three are our personal favourites.

PLEASURES OF THE VIETNAMESE TABLE

Mai Pham

Morrow Cookbooks, 2001

ISBN 0060192585



A cookbook and much more. Includes cooking techniques, a guide to the Vietnamese pantry and a glossary. Beautiful photographs and a narrative by the chef and author Mai Pham that makes this a readable cookbook.

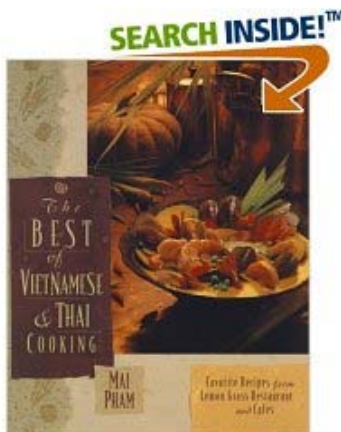
THE BEST OF VIETNAMESE AND THAI COOKING

FAVOURITE RECIPES FROM LEMON GRASS RESTAURANT AND CAFES

Mai Pham

Prima Publishing, 1996

ISBN 0-7615-0016-2



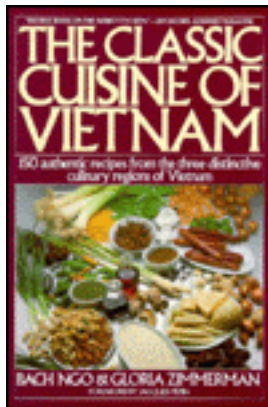
Mai Pham's first cookbook – from the famous Lemon Grass Restaurant in Sacramento, California.

THE CLASSIC CUISINE OF VIETNAM

Bach Ngo and Gloria Zimmerman

Plume, Reprint, 1996

ISBN 0452258332



Other Books

Not about or from Viet Nam – But highly recommended

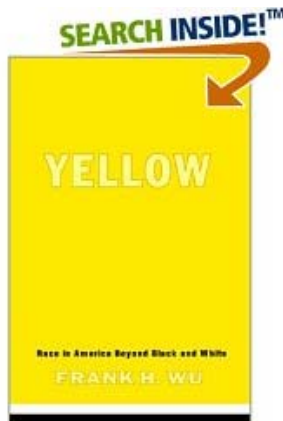
YELLOW

RACE IN AMERICA BEYOND BLACK AND WHITE

Frank H. Wu

Basic Books, Reprint, 2003

ISBN 0-46500640X



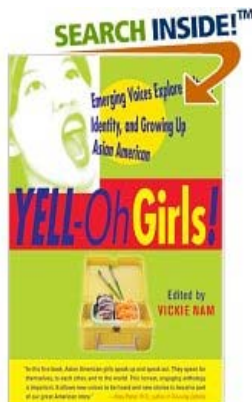
A thought provoking and scholarly work which is also very readable. Wu is direct, informed and compelling. A must read.

YELL-OH GIRLS!

Edited by Vickie Nam

Harper Collins, 2001

ISBN 0-06-095944-4



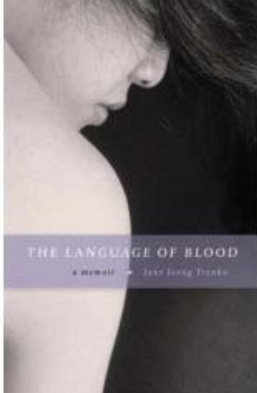
A collection of prose, narrative and poetry by teenage girls growing up Asian American. With aplomb they tackle everything from dual identity, to family, to culture clash. An important book to read.

THE LANGUAGE OF BLOOD: A MEMOIR

Jane Jeong Trenka

Borealis Books, 2003

ISBN 0873514661



Jane Jeong Trenka was born in Korea. Trenka was adopted by an American couple and raised in Northern Minnesota. This is her story. Beautifully written and compelling from start to finish. A must read.

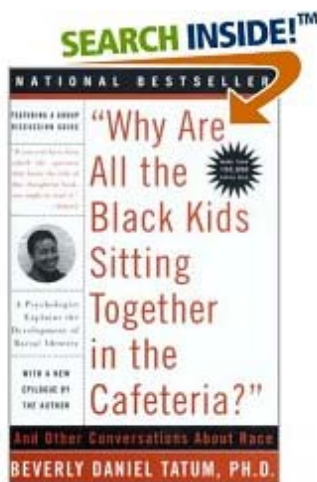
“WHY ARE ALL THE BLACK KIDS SITTING TOGETHER IN THE CAFETERIA?”

A PSYCHOLOGIST EXPLAINS THE DEVELOPMENT OF RACIAL IDENTITY

Beverly Daniel Tatum

Basic Books, Revised, 2003

ISBN 0465083617



An exploration of race and racism. Tatum addresses why it is that talking about racism is so hard. A book that makes this landscape easier to navigate. A book about race and right up there on the must read list.

Other

Magazines and Resources

NHA MAGAZINE – LIFESTYLE, CULTURE, IDENTITY



A glossy, wonderful magazine published in California. Articles in both Vietnamese and English. A treat. A bit expensive but worth every penny.

<http://www.nhamagazine.com/>

Chào Bạn!

Which means Hi Friend! A quarterly newsletter for families with children adopted from VietNam. Editors – Allison and Rick Martin. See also <http://www.adoptvietnam.org/> - The largest and oldest parent guide to adoption from VietNam on the internet.

<http://www.chaobannewsletter.com/>

The Web

A-PARENTS-VIETNAM

is the oldest, and largest adoption support group on the internet.

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/a-parents-vietnam/>

CANADIANS ADOPTING FROM VIETNAM

This is a national group open to parents who have adopted or who are considering adoption from Vietnam.

http://www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/canadiansadopting_Vietnam

FCV

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM VIETNAM – TORONTO.

This is the list for the Toronto and area branch of FCV.

<http://www.groups.yahoo.com/groups/fcvtoronto>

ORGANIZATIONS ON THE WEB – WHERE TO START

MAM NON

Sharing Vietnamese culture with the adoption community

You can find Mam Non at <http://www.mamnon.org/>

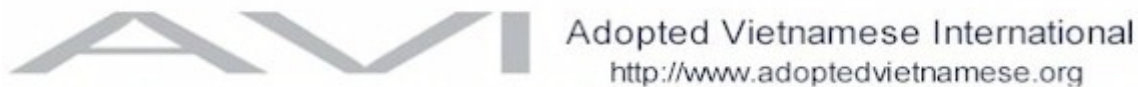
Mam Non was founded five years ago by Linh Song following the adoption of her brother. The organization is based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Linh Song is also the owner and moderator of the APV list on Yahoo (above).

This is a fabulous resource. Linh Song's work with the adoption community has been and continues to be invaluable.



VAN was established shortly after the 25th-year Vietnamese adoptee reunion in 2000. Their mission includes the creation of a network, a caring community for Vietnamese adoptees, the fostering of connections and support of work that promotes understanding and awareness of Vietnamese culture. Last but certainly not least VAN reaches out to the parents of the second generation of adoptees born in Vietnam offering support and building connections. An unparalleled resource for ourselves and our children.

www.van-online.org



A volunteer cooperative and virtual "home" for adoptees. This site was launched on the 25th Anniversary of Operation Babylift - April 30th, 2000. Its founder, Indigo Williams was adopted from Saigon to Sydney, Australia in December 1972.

<http://www.adoptedvietnamese.org/>



<http://www.mavin.net/>

The nation's leading organization that builds healthy communities that celebrate and empower mixed heritage people and families.

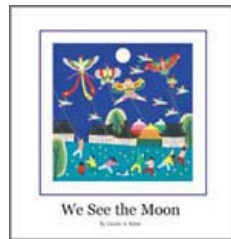
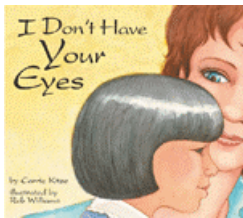
Adoption Publishing Company

Fiction and Nonfiction for Infants, Toddlers, Children, Young Adults

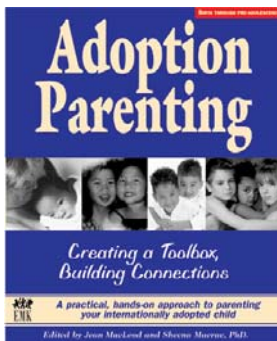


Find this marvellous resource at <http://www.emkpress.com/>

Publishers of adoption related books for children including *We See the Moon* and *I Don't have your Eyes*. While you can purchase these books through Amazon they are also available directly from EMK Press – and you can have them autographed!



Also on EMK Press one can find a wealth of parent and school resources and many, many free downloads.



EMK's newest publication is **Adoption Parenting: Creating a Toolbox, Building Connections**.