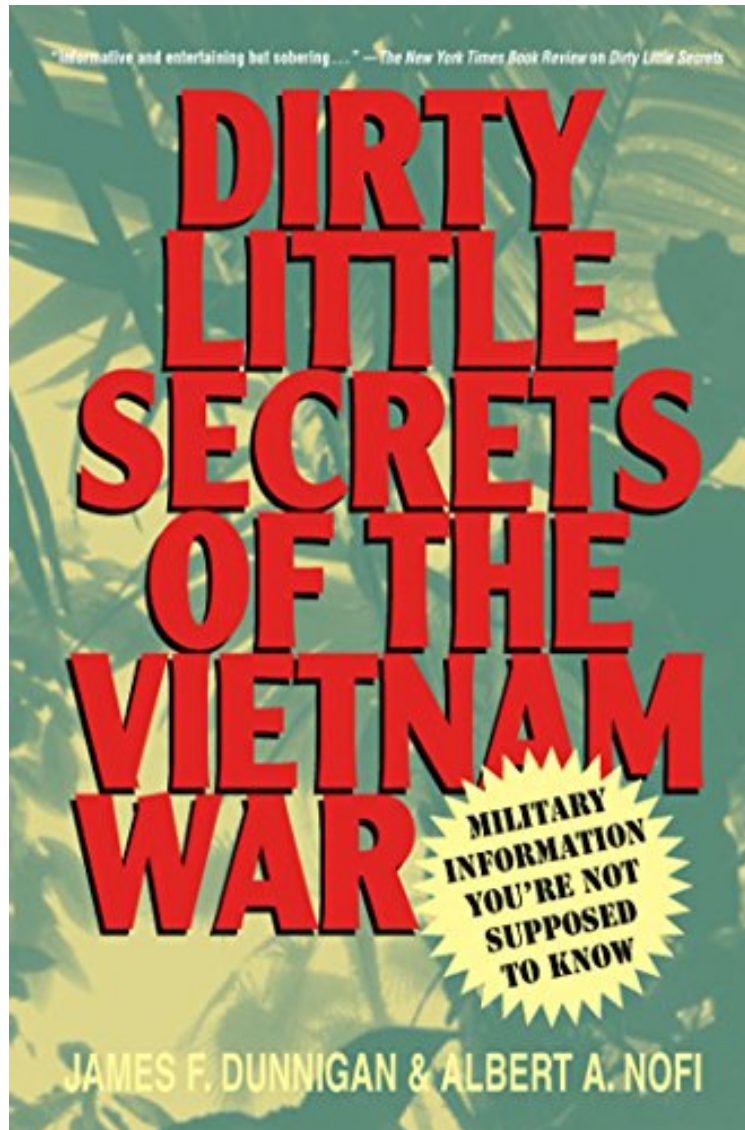


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generally very good, could have gone deeperVon J. K. KelleyI really liked this book--well enough to recommend it to

my father-in-law, a Vietnam veteran and history buff. The title is accurate and Dunnigan and Nofi's scholarship is generally dispassionate and sensible. It's well titled; a lot of the information here is not common knowledge. Their take on the ebb and flow of the conflict is straightforward and well supported (the 'why did we lose?' question). I like their view on the MIA issue, and they deserve credit for neither ducking it nor kowtowing to either side. The descriptions of the loss of credibility of pro-war and anti-war activists speak volumes. There's a lot of information about the units that were there, but I think more detail would have been welcomed. The ARVN in particular is not heavily covered. They copped out a little on the Phillipine contingent; couldn't come up with details as basic as death figures. The defoliants were mentioned but the nonlethal chemical agents, Adamsite (DM) in particular, aren't well covered. And so forth. Very much worth reading with the caveat that if you want to drill deep into any aspect of the war (for example, the ARVN Rangers, or the organization of a Special Forces camp) you'll have to look elsewhere to get the detail.

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