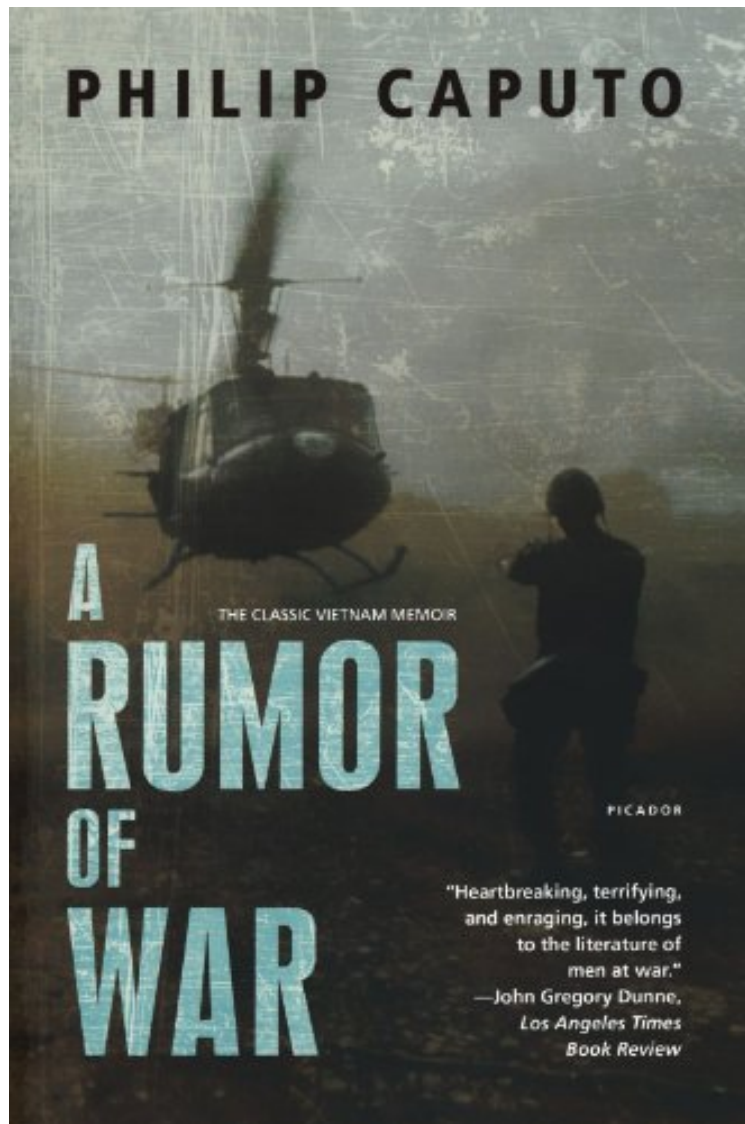


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**Philip Caputo : A Rumor of War** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Rumor of War:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Just ExcellentBy Annabelle L.I was lucky enough to be assigned this books for a Summer Reading Project for AP U.S. History Class, and I am so glad that I was given this book! It is absolutely excellent.Before reading this I didn't know much about the Vietnam War, or what it was like to be in any war, for that matter. After reading this I felt like I knew so much more about wars and the consequences that it has on

people. This also wasn't the typical book on war, with lots of facts and strategies. It was real and relatable, which is something I most definitely enjoy in a book! I enjoyed this perspective because you could feel the emotions of Caputo and knew exactly what it was like to be there. This book was not only entertaining, it was written phenomenally. The way Caputo wrote and told his story emphasized what it was like to be in the war. For example, the monotony of war was present in the way he elongated the battles, the waiting, and the stress of the young soldiers. This book also makes me appreciate the soldiers who die in war for our country, more than I did in the past. It makes me realize how much suffering and pain was endured in order for me to be able to live like I do today. This book makes me want to thank a veteran. Thank you Mr. Philip Caputo for sharing your experiences with me, so that I can learn to appreciate the soldiers of America more.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A superb and honest memoir from a soldier on the frontline

By Howard Thacker This is a superb book that chronicles all the issues that a frontline soldier has to face when confronted with the daily possibility of death or life-changing injuries. This book is probably the first that I have read that honestly addresses the futility of a war fought where lives are expended but for little or no territorial gain. Where body counts, both enemy and own forces, are simply a scorecard; and where young men have to deal with moral and ethical issues while under threat of military commanders far removed from the day to realities of fighting a war.

I found it far more lucid and practical than Michael Here's Dispatches.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is one of the great works on Vietnam

By Col. Mandrakel I have read almost all of the major works on Vietnam both fiction and nonfiction. This one has a special place on the shelf. It is both concise and eloquent. It is both boring and frantic. While relatively short it is huge in its emotional breadth. I suspect there are many men who suffered travails equal or greater than the author but he has the rare ability to put the tragedy into words with such realism that you feel his personal horror. One cannot help but admire the courage it must have taken to write such an honest account.

The classic Vietnam memoir, as relevant today as it was almost thirty years ago.

In March of 1965, Marine Lieutenant Philip J. Caputo landed at Da Nang with the first ground combat unit deployed to Vietnam. Sixteen months later, having served on the line in one of modern history's ugliest wars, he returned home physically whole but emotionally wasted, his youthful idealism forever gone. *A Rumor of War* is more than one soldier's story. Upon its publication in 1977, it shattered America's indifference to the fate of the men sent to fight in the jungles of Vietnam. In the years since then, it has become not only a basic text on the Vietnam War but also a renowned classic in the literature of wars throughout history and, as Caputo explains, of "the things men do in war and the things war does to men." "A singular and marvelous work." *The New York Times*

From Publishers Weekly

20th-anniversary edition of Caputo's memoir of fighting in Vietnam. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. To call it the best book about Vietnam is to trivialize it . . . *A Rumor of War* is a dangerous and even subversive book, the first to insist--and the insistence is all the more powerful because it is implicit--that the reader ask himself these questions: How would I have acted? To what lengths would I have gone to survive? The sense of self is assaulted, overcome, subverted, leaving the reader to contemplate the deadening possibility that his own moral safety net might have a hole in it. It is a terrifying thought, and *A Rumor of War* is a terrifying book. John Gregory Dunne, *Los Angeles Times*

Caputo's troubled, searching meditations on the love and hate of war, on fear, and the ambivalent discord warfare can create in the hearts of decent men, are among the most eloquent I have read in modern literature. William Styron, *The New York Times*

Every war seems to find its own voice: Caputo . . . is an eloquent spokesman for all we lost in Vietnam. C. D. B. Bryan, *Saturday Review*

A book that must be read and reread--if for no other reason than as an eloquent statement against war. It is a superb book. Terry Anderson, *Denver Post*

This is news that goes beyond what the journalists brought us, news from the heart of darkness. It was long overdue. *Newsweek*

Not since Siegfried Sassoon's classic of World War I, *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*, has there been a war memoir so obviously true, and so disturbingly honest. William Broyles, *Texas Monthly*

"A singular and marvelous work." -- *The New York Times*

"Compelling . . . A thoroughly honest view of what the experience of Vietnam meant to a young college graduate, a 'gung-ho' lieutenant in the marine corps who enlisted for the 'heroic experience' of war . . . It is the most eloquent statement yet on what Vietnam was for the lower echelons who had to do the dirty work." -- *Seattle Times*

"Heartbreaking, terrifying, and enraging . . . It will make the strongest among us weep."-- *Los Angeles Times*