

Reader's Roadmap

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Book of the Month
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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

The Beauty of Humanity Movement F G437b

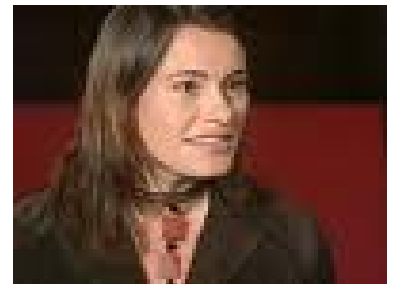
Set in contemporary Vietnam, this is the story of a country undergoing momentous change and the story of how family is defined — not always by bloodlines but by the heart.

Tu' is a young tour guide working in Hanoi for a company called New Dawn. While he leads tourists through the city, he starts to wonder what it is they are seeing of Vietnam —and what they miss entirely. Maggie, an art curator, who is Vietnamese by birth but has lived most of her life in the U.S., has returned to her country of origin in search of clues to her dissident father's disappearance during the war. Maggie's father was a member of a group of idealistic communist writers and artists known as the Humanity Movement. In the early 1950s, this group wrote and spoke out against the excesses of Ho Chi Minh's policies. Holding the story together is Old Man Hung who was also a member of this group. He has lived through decades of political upheaval and has still found a way to feed hope to his community of pond side dwellers.

This is a keenly observed novel about the reverberation of conflict through generations, the enduring legacy of art, and the redemption and renewal of long-lost love.

About the Author

Camilla Gibb is the author of four novels--- *Mouthing the Words*, *The Petty Details of So-and-so's Life*, *Sweetness in the Belly* and *The Beauty of Humanity Movement*. She was the winner of the Trillium Book Award in 2006, and a Scotiabank Giller Prize short list nominee in 2005. Her books have been translated into 14 languages and she was named by the jury of the Orange Prize as one of 21 writers to watch in the new century. Camilla was born in London, England, and grew up in Toronto. She has a B.A. in anthropology and Middle Eastern studies from the University of Toronto and completed her Ph.D. in social anthropology at Oxford University in 1997.



Vietnam in Fiction

The book of salt / by Monique Truong
F T8712b



Girl by the road at night / by David Rabe
F R114g

The man from Saigon / by Marti Leimbach
F L529m

The lotus eaters / by Tatjana Soli
F S686L



Of rice and men : a novel of Vietnam / by Richard Galli
F G1682o

The quiet American / by Graham Greene
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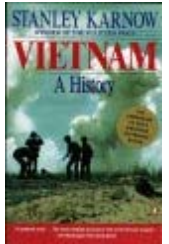
The time in-between / by David Bergen
F B4954t

Vietnam - History

Strange ground : Americans in Vietnam, 1945-1975, an oral history / by Harry Maurer
959.7043 M453

Vietnam, a history / Stanley Karnow
959.704 K18

Vietnam at war : the history, 1946-1975 / by Phillip B. Davidson
959.704 D252



The Vietnam wars, 1945-1990 / by Marilyn B. Young
959.7043 Y74v

Valley of death : the tragedy at Dien Bien Phu that led America into the Vietnam war / Ted Morgan
959.704 M849

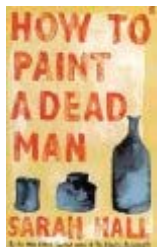
Art Curators in Fiction

The girl with the Botticelli eyes / by Herbert Lieberman
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The golden calves / by Louis Auchincloss
F A898g

How to paint a dead man / by Sarah Hall
F H179ho

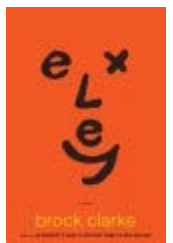
Old scores : a Chris Norgren mystery / by Aaron Elkins
M E43o



Children of disappeared persons in Fiction

Exley / by Brock Clarke
F C5972e

Homecoming / by Bernhard Schlink ; translated from the German by Michael Henry Heim
F S3445h



Vietnamese Cooking

Into the Vietnamese kitchen : treasured foodways, modern flavors / by Andrea Quynhgioa
Nguyen
641.59597 N576



The best of Vietnamese & Thai cooking : favorite recipes from Lemon Grass Restaurant
and Cafes / by Mai Pham
641.5959 M217



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