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It was 1968 and Robert Hartley was on his first combat mission in Vietnam as copilot of a helicopter gunship. As he and his platoon leader flew over the A Shau Valley, a Chinook helicopter engulfed in flames suddenly came into view. Hartley noticed tiny black smoking objects exiting the tail ramp of the aircraft. Seconds later, he realized those objects were men escaping the flames and plunging to their deaths. It was in that moment that he silently wondered, How the hell did I get here?

Mr. Hartley was still wet behind the ears when he was tossed into the cauldron of Americas most unpopular war as an attack helicopter gunship pilot. As he shares a gripping, birds-eye view of battles that took him from the Demilitarized Zone in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south, Mr. Hartley compellingly details how he learned to rely on his superior training and equipment to follow through with his mission to kill the enemy and save the lives of his fellow soldiers below.

Gunship Pilot provides an unforgettable glimpse into two combat tours of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot soaring high above rice paddies and jungles attempts to fulfill his duty of protecting Americas warriors on the ground.

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**Louis Reichenbach says**

**Good book, great pilot!**

This guy describes his exceptional career as a military pilot well. His job choices after he retired from the military made me jealous because it was what I dreamed about becoming as a kid, but could not due to my eyesight.

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**a.t.m. says**

**Great book about America's best in a time of war.**

Many stories went into this book and the author did a great job telling his story. By writing this book the author insures that his fellow pilots will always be remembered and the sacrifices that were made by so many in the Vietnam war will never forgotten.

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**William B. says**

**Adventure in the Sky**

This pilot spent much of his adult life in the air. Obviously he was a skilled, brave pilot. He is also a skilled writer. Great book!

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**Silvio says**

A fast-paced collection of stories of Mr. Hartley's two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Cobra pilot, focused on the helicopter pilots and the action they saw there. It was engaging and well-told without bogging down into politics. Plenty of typos but easily overlooked given the content. I would have appreciated a more in-depth examination into his emotions while doing his duty, about the war itself, the enemy and his several near-death experiences, but I understand the stiff upper lip mentality. Still, it was a vivid account and I congratulate the author on a very good book. Thank you for your service!

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**Ken Daigrepont says**

**Outstanding!**

Great book. I was fixed wing Navy, but always admired the "rotor heads." Best of luck to you and your

family.

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**Adam says**

**Good war diary fun fast read**

The author put you the action. A great true story about Vietnam war and the group of brave men who flew there.

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**Dorcas brekel says**

**Awesome book!**

Thank you Mr. Hartley for recording your memories of your 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. We are very fortunate to have warriors like you who will answer the call to serve.

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