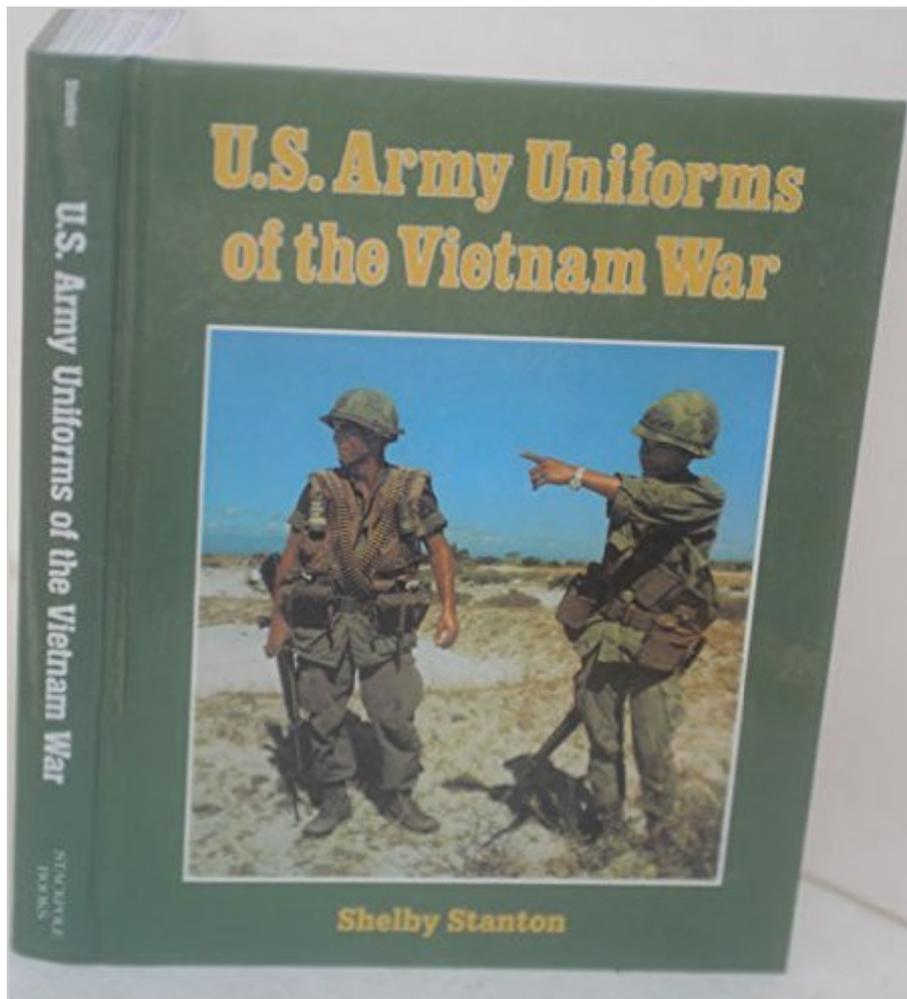


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## Customer Reviews

I found this book to be extremely useful when it comes to needing to know what soldiers wore during the war. The explanations and many photos in each section make it easy to understand who wore what in Vietnam.

This book was like pulling my old army uniforms out from a duffle bag of memories. Using only black & white photos and line drawings to illustrate the volume, the author still successfully describes the variety of Army uniforms of the Vietnam era. Some data could have been presented in tabular form to avoid a lot of verbiage. The safety/work clothing & related equipment are very loosely definable as uniform items of a combat, fatigue or service dress nature and could have been easily omitted. The listing of items by proper nomenclature was also very helpful. A real surprise for me was to see two in-country photos of two drill sergeants from my basic training company used to illustrate the tropical hot weather (boonie) hat and the tropical rucksack. Some color would have been nice but there are other publications that complement this book.

This is another excellent study of the uniforms and equipment of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. My only gripe with the text, though it is trivial, is the lack of color photos. Highly

recommended!!!

This is a book that will stand forever. Stanton was a serving officer in Vietnam and when he did his research he had access to the working files at the Army's Natick Laboratory in Massachusetts to consult. He has used all the specifications and drawings that were published. In combination with his work on the Cold War which covers clothing worn elsewhere in the world this period is thoroughly covered. His complete oeuvre includes WW II, Korea, Cold War, and Vietnam. I wish he would continue with the Modern Volunteer Army from 1975 on. Bit sparse on field equipment but then this is a uniform study.

With his book "U.S. Army Uniforms of the Vietnam War" Shelby Stanton provides a pretty awesome overview of the U.S. G.I. during the Vietnam War 1965-1975. The book provides great details about equipment, uniforms and rations that were issued to the GI's during the war, and does a great job of bringing the modernity of the war to the forefront. The book shows a great number of the new and updated equipment the men carried, and does a great job of explaining the how, why, when and where. To play devil's advocate here: the book does not show any photographs in color. I understand that some people may feel that this provides a more "authentic" feel to the book; I, however, know they had massive amounts of color photographs of the war and believe that these would have greatly increased the appeal of the volume. I really enjoy seeing photographs in color to receive that all-important detail, and to be honest, it just looks plain cool! Other than that minor gripe though the book is a pretty outstanding reference to the U.S. GI in Vietnam.

I am trying to collect a good representation of the average soldier in Vietnam. This book has helped greatly in seeing the uniform and equipment used. There are lots of pictures and great descriptions. The book is well organized and very useful in my search.

Painting collectable figures requires very good resource material. My latest effort is the US Army in Vietnam, the level of detail provided by Mr. Stanton's products is always good, but this one is superior.

As a collector, this is a book that gets a lot of referencing. I only wish there were some color photos like the cover.

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