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Westholme Publishing, U.S., United States, 2014. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 221 x 145 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In late 1969, twenty-year-old Robert Sweatmon, received a letter informing him that he had ten days to report to the United States Army. Like thousands of others, he had been drafted. Assigned as a rifleman with a mechanized unit, the author began a year-long Odyssey in the Southeast Asian wilderness that would change his and his fellow soldiers lives forever. Taking its title from the nighttime radio code call and response between base camp and those on ambush patrol, Five Four Whiskey: A Memory of War is a moving account of life as a combat soldier in the Vietnam War. Set mostly across in the sprawling woods and rubber plantations northwest of Saigon, the author explains what his unit was asked to do and what obstacles they faced, including an elusive but deadly enemy, multiple kinds of booby traps, and antitank mines. The author, a notable television personality following the war, does not sensationalize his account; rather, his book allows a new generation to understand the emotional and physical pressures of the times. Coming to age in the maelstrom of Civil Rights and the Free Love culture, the author s and his fellow soldiers idealism quickly vaporized in the face of the grim realities of war. Here they learned to compartmentalize their lives as a way to survive, but it was their strong bonds that ultimately kept them from succumbing to the madness that surrounded them. Kept in the field for almost the entire time of his tour, the author s unit was selected to conduct a clandestine reconnaissance in Cambodia and then lead the 1970 invasion where he was wounded. Following his convalescence, he was sent to Nui Ba...

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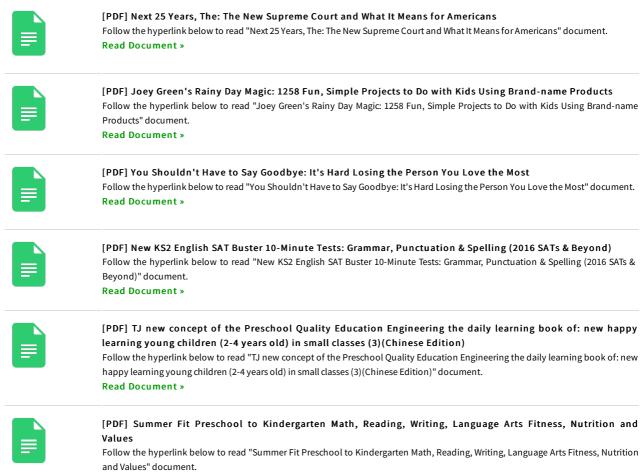
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