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NAM, *The Story of a Generation*

A Novel by Mel Smith

This is our Story.

The Story of the Vietnam Generation

About the Book

Through battle, love's heartbreak, and unbelievable loss, follow the lives of three Vietnam War combatants: a North Vietnamese patriot and two untested American boys, as they deal with the legacy of their nations' tragedy. A historically accurate, riveting account of war, its personal cost and lingering aftermath.

NAM, The Story of a Generation is a tale of times that defined a generation: the counter culture that grew out of it; commitment without conscience; love in impossible circumstances; the unimaginable horror of war; healing hope; and renewal. The Vietnam War is the common thread that binds together the lives and fortunes of the three main characters.

"Smith's effort is nothing short of extraordinary," wrote David Aretha, editor of *The Sixties Chronicle* and books on the Vietnam War. "The story is emotional and heartfelt and feels 100 percent authentic. Most impressively, it covers all major aspects of the war: American culture before, during, and after the conflict... It's a tremendous history lesson and thoroughly entertaining."

**An epic novel about a generation
and the conflict that changed two nations.**

About the Author

Born in Helena, Montana in 1948, Mel Smith grew up in the hardscrabble neighborhood on the edge of town featured in *NAM, The story of a Generation*. Smith joined the Naval Reserve in the fall of 1966 and went "active" in the Navy in the summer of 1968. He served aboard two Navy destroyers, the *U.S.S. TAYLOR DD-468* and the *U.S.S. DEHAVEN DD-727* and pulled two WestPac tours to the war zone. He received an early out from active duty in the spring of 1970 as President Nixon trimmed the armed forces then serving. Smith attended Montana State University graduating with a B.S. in Film and Television, 1973. He founded AdSmith, an advertising agency, in 1981 which still operates today. He and wife Alane live in the greater Phoenix area of Arizona.

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