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Sample Book Review for *Wounded,* A Novel Beyond Love and War

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New Vietnam Novel Released

Following the completion his tour of duty as a U.S. Army officer stationed near Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, in 1970, Lt. Alexander Marwick reluctantly agrees to undertake a clandestine diplomatic mission to find a mysterious former Vietnamese military officer and persuade him to transmit a secret American government peace proposal to the North Vietnamese Politburo. Thus begins a dangerous adventure that leads Marwick to the Golden Triangle in Burma, to the back alleys of Bangkok, to a monastery in Cambodia, and finally to the British hill station of Darjeeling, India. The graphic combat scenes in *Wounded* find a counterpoint in a passionate and turbulent love affair between Marwick and Cléo, an American Red Cross volunteer. With the perilous game of international intrigue as a backdrop, the main character's discovery that he is the father of an unexpected child further tests his honor and courage.

The author, a former Army officer, completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and subsequently traveled widely throughout Southeast Asia. A complete author biography, an excerpt from the novel, and reader reviews can be found on the book's website: <u>www.marhargpress.com/wounded</u>

What readers are saying:

- "... a sensitive story about a brutish time ... a gripping tale of intrigue and frustrated love."
- "... highly recommended for both men and women..."
- "... a Vietnam novel with a difference a sense of humor as well as horror, an awareness of the force of love as well as the force of hate and conflict...
- "There is never a dull moment . . . the surprises keep on coming right up to the very end."

"As a former artillery officer in Vietnam, I can validate Graham's storytelling."

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