

The 13th Valley

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POWERFUL...a diverse group of men, gathered together to make war, proceed to transcend racial and ethnic differences, become brothers in combat, suffer horribly, fight an apocalyptic battle and win... There have been a number of excellent books about Vietnam...but none has managed to communicate in such detail the day-to-day pain, discomfort, frustration and exhilaration of the American military experience in Vietnam as well...DEL VECCHIO has made the jungle real and terrifying.

—The New York Times Book Review

AS COMPLEX AS A TROPICAL JUNGLE, as frightening as an ambush at night...Del Vecchio proves once again that truth comes to us best through great fiction...Set in Vietnam in 1970, there is a factual basis to this superb piece of fiction. The author is a Vietnam vet, having served with the 101st Airborne. Early on the morning of August 13, 1970, troops from the 101st were helilifted into the valley, which at the time was serving as a supply depot and sanctuary for numerous North Vietnamese battalions. From the bare bones of that reality, DEL VECCHIO has constructed the best novel to come out of that war.

—Playboy

AN IMPORTANT AND DISTINCTLY AMERICAN BOOK...A big novel in the tradition of THE NAKED AND THE DEAD—the sort of book critics have said could not be written out of the shifting rice paddies of

Southeast Asia...Nowhere in the swelling literature about Vietnam does one discover a richer feel for 'what it was really like'...In its meticulous realism and philosophic musings, THE 13TH VALLEY reminds me of MOBY DICK.

—Newsweek