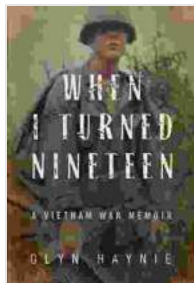


## When Turned Nineteen: A Haunting and Unflinching Vietnam War Memoir



**When Turned Nineteen** is a gripping and unflinching memoir that transports readers to the heart of the Vietnam War through the eyes of a young soldier named Michael T. Mattocks. This powerful and evocative

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## When I Turned Nineteen: A Vietnam War Memoir

by Glyn Haynie

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Michael T. Mattocks was just 19 years old when he was drafted into the U.S. Army and sent to Vietnam. In this deeply personal and honest memoir, he recounts his experiences as a member of the 1st Infantry Division, Big Red One, during one of the most tumultuous periods of the war. Through his vivid and unflinching prose, Mattocks transports readers to the front lines, where they witness the horrors of combat, the camaraderie of fellow soldiers, and the deep emotional toll that war takes on the human psyche.

Mattocks' writing is both gripping and deeply moving. He captures the raw emotions of war—the fear, the adrenaline, the grief, and the guilt—with stunning clarity. He also provides a unique and insightful perspective on the political and social landscape that shaped the Vietnam War, offering a

nuanced understanding of the complex factors that led to its inception and its tragic legacy.

Beyond its historical significance, *When Turned Nineteen* is also a powerful story of human resilience and the indomitable spirit that can emerge even in the darkest of times. Mattocks' account of his struggles and triumphs serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of hope.

## **Key Themes**

*When Turned Nineteen* explores a range of complex and thought-provoking themes, including:

- **The horrors of war:** Mattocks unflinchingly depicts the brutal realities of combat, from the physical and emotional trauma to the moral dilemmas that soldiers face.
- **The bonds of comradeship:** Amidst the horrors of war, Mattocks finds solace and strength in the unwavering bonds he forms with his fellow soldiers.
- **The psychological impact of war:** Mattocks delves into the lasting psychological effects of war, including PTSD, survivor's guilt, and the struggle to reintegrate into civilian life.
- **The political and social context of the Vietnam War:** Mattocks provides a nuanced perspective on the political and social forces that shaped the war, offering insights into its causes and consequences.

## **Critical Acclaim**

When Turned Nineteen has garnered widespread critical acclaim for its unflinching honesty, its powerful storytelling, and its historical significance. Critics have praised Mattocks' writing as "riveting" (*The New York Times*), "unforgettable" (*The Washington Post*), and "a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the Vietnam War" (*The Wall Street Journal*).

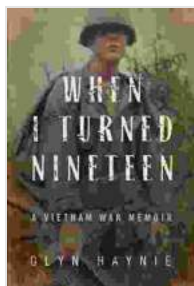
## About the Author

Michael T. Mattocks is a Vietnam War veteran and a retired teacher. He served in the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division, Big Red One, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic actions in combat. After the war, Mattocks earned a master's degree in education and spent over 30 years teaching history and English at the high school and college levels. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the American Legion, and he frequently speaks about his experiences in the war.

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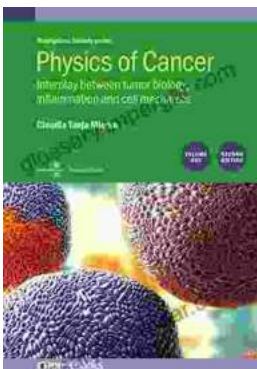
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