



conflict even gives the reader an idea of what soldiers really carried under the realistic circumstances, regardless of regulations. This small volume is fairly good for what it does and offers a good idea of everything a soldier in the Vietnam conflict had on his body and in his hands as well as how it worked...or, sometimes didn't. I would have preferred some first-hand accounts, but the author's own experience is certainly considerable. Four stars. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What they wore...By HMS Warspite An army that expected to fight the Soviets in Central Europe for the fate of the world ended up fighting the Viet Cong and North Vietnam half way around the world, in the very much different environment of Southeast Asia. Jungles, rice paddies, and the Central Highlands called for different combat equipment. Author Gordon Rottman surveys what was worn by the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, and their allies. "Vietnam War US Allied Combat Equipments" is an Osprey Elite Series book. The author served in the conflict. Adam Hook provides some excellent supporting illustrations. For a military still wearing surplus equipment from World War II and the Korean War, Vietnam required some adaptations in load carrying equipment and survival loads. The author walks the reader up through several generations of modifications to web gear, packs, and other equipment items. The text is in sufficient detail to guide a collector, while the narrative is interesting enough to be a trip down memory lane for veterans who lived the times and used the equipment. Highly recommended as a concise but knowledgeable introduction to the topic. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The usual and expected great information and background from Mr. Rottman! I've been a fan of his work for years and he never disappoints. This is a must read for Vietnam studies and for the collector seeking good information.

During the years of the Vietnam War, U.S. forces used three major types of equipment sets, with numerous modifications for particular circumstances. Different equipment was also used by Special Forces, the South Vietnamese, and other allied ground troops. Vietnam War US Allied Combat Equipments offers a comprehensive examination of the gear that U.S. and allied soldiers carried strapped around their bodies, what the gear contained, and what those items were used for. Fully illustrated with photographs and artwork detailing how each piece of equipment was used, and written by a Special Forces veteran of the conflict, this book will fascinate enthusiasts of military equipment and will be an ideal reference guide for reenactors, modelers, and collectors of Vietnam War memorabilia.

"This book does a great job of providing the details of individual combat equipment used during the Viet Nam War." - Mike Petty, Armor Modeling Preservation Society About the Author Gordon L. Rottman joined the Army in 1967, volunteered for Special Forces and completed training as a weapons specialist. He served in the Fifth Special Forces Group in Vietnam. He was a Special Operations Forces scenario writer at the Joint Readiness Training Center for twelve years and is now a freelance writer in Texas. Adam Hook studied graphic design and began his work as an illustrator in 1983. He specializes in detailed historical reconstructions, and has previously illustrated Osprey titles.