349 DAYS

I WAS YOUNG, BUT I WAS A SOLDIER

A VIETNAM GRUNT’S STORY

By Slater Davis

Everyone has a story to tell.

349 Days is my story. It's not my whole story, but it is a part of my story from a very significant time in my life. I take you from being drafted into the Army as a young husband with a child on the way in 1970, through my training, then the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam, all the way to the 21st Century and the aftereffects of that year. 349 Days tells you about these experiences, and about the fears, loneliness, and joys that went with them.

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