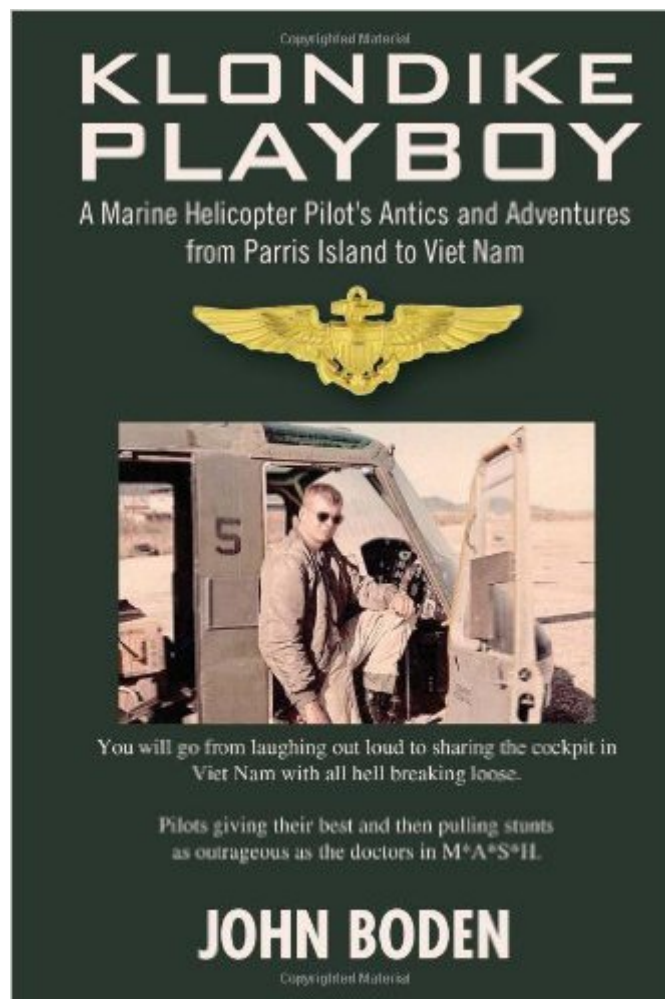


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Klondike Playboy is well-told, and delivers on its promise to keep you "laughing out loud" and put you in the cockpit "with all hell breaking loose." Author Boden does a great job of answering "where do we get such men?" to paraphrase Michener's famous question. He selects a series of humorous tales from his life, adventures that prepared him for the demanding responsibilities he faced as a Marine Corps UH-1 helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. He tells all stories with a sincere sense of humor. This reviewer (former Navy F-14 RIO) thought the combat flying stories were very exciting and well-told. Klondike Playboy lets readers experience hair-raising excitement, frustration, and the ever-present humor of military units in combat. Boden is generous in crediting his crew for contributing to success. He expresses his sense of loss when things go wrong, and satisfaction when his skill, perseverance, and ingenuity lead to success. Klondike Playboy is a fast read that is perfect for those who want to know what it was like in the air on the front lines in Viet Nam.

A narrative so real that you can smell, feel and experience what happens when a young man is transformed from a student to Marine, to Helicopter pilot to Combat leader so quickly that emotions race to keep up with reality.

This book was interesting to me because I was there. I served with Marine Recon and these pilots saved my skin a few times. Easy read. Not the best writer I've ever read. If you have any connection to the Vietnam War you will probably enjoy it. I read everything I can about it, and this is not on the

ten best list, but it was cheap, and to me, worth the price.

Unlike other novels that include stories about Viet Nam, Klondike Playboy is really about the life of one person and how his life decisions and experiences shaped who he is today. I found this more like a "coming of age" novel rather than a war memoir. I very much liked Klondike Playboy because of the unique glimpse it gave me into how one person coped with life, war, and life after war. But more importantly, there are broader life lessons in this book that made me reflect on the decisions and experiences I have had in my own life. I recommend it because it's fun, interesting, a quick read and not the usual book about the Viet Nam experience.

John Boden wrote a very interesting, funny and dramatic book. He writes in a style, that you feel like you are there with him. It is a great read, and I recommend it to you and will advise my Marine Corps friends. It is enjoyable to read a book on Vietnam that isn't all blood and guts, or crying in your beer. I wrote a very similar book, but from an enlisted man's perspective. Semper Fi. [...] And My Mother Danced with Chesty Puller: Adventures of a Marine in the rear, to combat in Vietnam

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