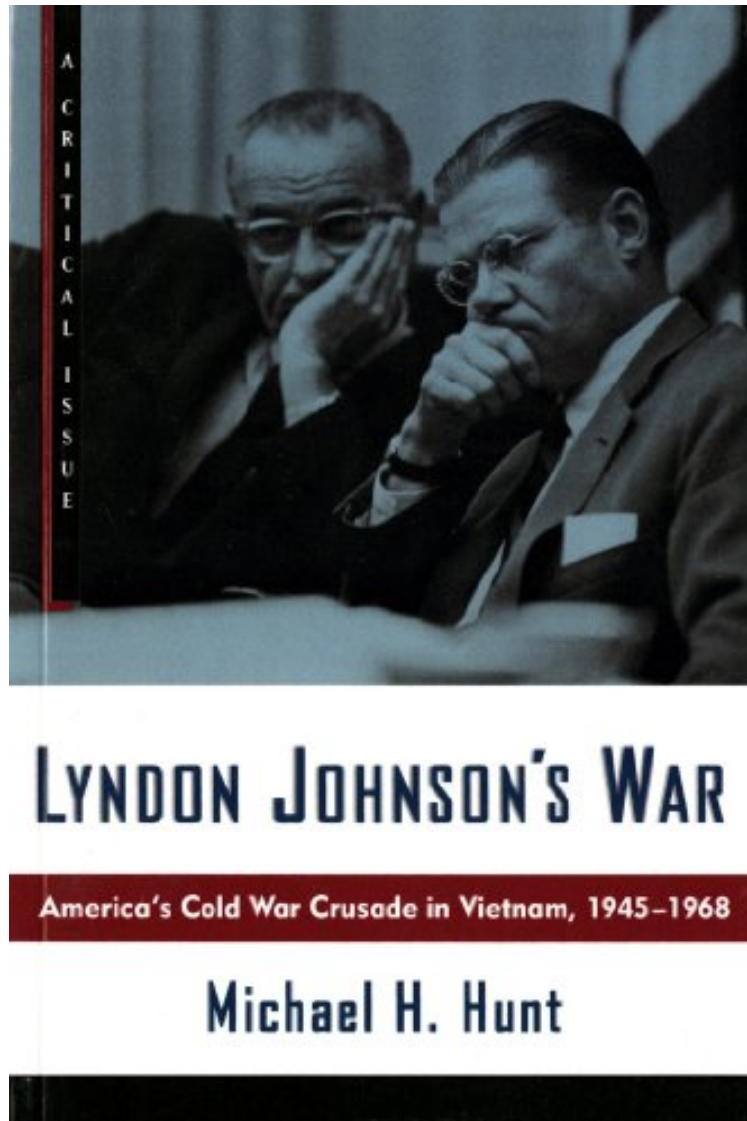


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formats the "Big Picture". Von Ein Kunde This book shows the eagerness of the U.S. to stomp out communism and protect our Asian friends'. It is this parental instinct and portrayal of understanding that all people want to be "american" that led the U.S. into an inconclusive battle. The idea that the North won after the U.S. withdraw falters the necessity of U.S. intervention.

Kurzbeschreibung The Hill and Wang Critical Issues Series: concise, affordable works on pivotal topics in American history, society, and politics. Using newly available documents from both American and Vietnamese archives, Hunt reinterprets the values, choices, misconceptions, and miscalculations that shaped the long process of American intervention in Southeast Asia, and renders more comprehensible--if no less troubling--the tangled origins of the war. From Booklist A generation after the withdrawal of the U.S. from Vietnam, the fault line dividing Left from Right remains unbridged in analyzing the debacle. The Right sees a loss of will, ascribing our failure to politicians, who forced the military to wage a "limited" fight, which handcuffed the proper prosecution of the war. The Left sees a failure borne of illusions of U.S. omnipotence and arrogance. Hunt, a prominent East Asian scholar, has written a compact, useful volume that clearly places him in the latter camp. He breaks no new ground here; the concept of a policy driven by rigid anti-Communism, arrogance, and naivete regarding "nation building" is hardly original. David Halberstam, in *The Best and the Brightest*, illustrated these flaws more extensively and eloquently. Still, Hunt's book has great value for the general reader. His portrayals of some of the critical but lesser-known men who gave impetus to our escalation are particularly striking. His spare but direct narrative style adds to the impression of a train rushing blindly onward to an inevitable crack-up. Jay Freeman From Library Journal Hunt (*Frontier Defense and the Open Door*, LJ 3/1/74), who teaches history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has written what is perhaps the shortest book available about the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. In fewer than 145 pages, he provides a scant outline of major events surrounding this country's most divisive war. In this limited format, he merely reviews well-documented events that occurred throughout the Truman through the Nixon administrations; no new facts or conclusions emerge. It is difficult to imagine what audience would benefit from such a cursory treatment of a very complex topic. Those who know nothing about the war will be confused, while informed readers will be left wondering just what point the author is trying to make. All libraries will be better served by any number of other titles already on the shelf. Not recommended. Robert J. Favini, Bentley Coll. Lib., Waltham, Mass. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.