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Like Michael Herr's *Dispatches*, Robert Stone's National Book Award-winning novel **Dog Soldiers** trades on a hallucinatory vision of Vietnam as a place in which all honor and morality are ceded to the mere business of survival -- and, better, survival with personal profit. "This is the place where everybody finds out who they are," says the novel's protagonist, the journalist Converse, to which his friend and partner in crime Ray Hicks replies, "What a bummer for the gooks." Converse convinces Hicks to smuggle a shipment of heroin back to the United States, renegade CIA agents pop up, and all hell breaks loose in this beautifully written, dark study of the soul in anguish.

Review

"Harrowing . . . white-knuckled suspense . . . A here-and-now journey to hell." --*Time*

"Powerful, literally chilling." --*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

"Compulsively readable . . . As forcefully as any novel one can think of, this novel conveys the cynicism, the terror, and the appetite for new experiences that have marked recent years." -- *New Yorker*

"*Dog Soldiers* is a novel so good, so interesting and serious and funny and frightening, so absorbing, so impressive, so masterful . . . It is splendid, terrific action suspense." --*Esquire*

"A dark descendant of Conrad and Hemingway's adventure stories . . . Goes hell-for-leather across the landscape." --*New York Times*

"[An] engaging story . . . A gripping performance." --*AudioFile*

"The language is stripped and strong . . . [with] unerring dialogue and characterization." --*Kirkus Reviews*

About the Author

ROBERT STONE (1937-2015) was the acclaimed author of eight novels and two story collections, including *Dog Soldiers*, winner of the National Book Award, and *Bear and His Daughter*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His memoir, *Prime Green*, was published in 2007.

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