



Between the Lines: The True Story of Surfers During the Vietnam War

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When you hear the words “surfing” and “Vietnam War,” thoughts go automatically to the famous scene in Francis Ford Coppola’s *Apocalypse Now* where a surf star and an Army colonel partake in a surf session while a battle rages around them. But the Vietnam War had an effect on surfers beyond those who were on the fighting lines. *Between the Lines* is a documentary that tells both sides of the Vietnam War: that of those who went and that of those who didn’t.

The film is less about killer surf footage and more about highlighting the main themes of choices and personal freedom that came from within the surfing community during the time of the Vietnam War. The documentary’s narrative comes from surfers who went to Vietnam but also from those who dodged the draft to continue their passion for the waves.

From the documentary came the book, which focuses very much on the impacts of being both a surfer and a soldier. The strong visual imagery of the big screen translates well onto the pages of what is more than a simple coffee table book; it is a collection of words and photos that emphasize the intense experiences of the surfers affected by the war and their stories that should be remembered. —*AB*

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