

And a Hard Rain Fell By John Ketwig **Hard rain booking locations** More importantly his observations and thought were so ver familiar to me; now after so many years my own have faded into a kind of heavy cloud that carries a felt sense but from which much detail has fled. **And a hard rain fell book** I was only about ten when the war in Vietnam was going on and I have heard many stories some worst then others so why condemn this one soldier for his two years he gave to his Country. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** A statement in the book that stays with me: Is a human being really in control of his/her own destiny? Were we victors or victims? What is a person 19s duty to his Country? To his/her God? To his/her fellow person? Which has priority? It is difficult to agree upon the answers to those questions; it was difficult in Vietnam. **Hard rain falling bookpedia** Ketwig witnessed a few truly atrocious things including Green Berets executing a prisoner with a firehose and truly bizarre like getting stoned with NVA soldiers on the night Bobby Kennedy was shot. **And a hard rain fell book** Thailand in 68 and 69 seems like a fascinating place and Ketwig explored and appreciated the culture as much as is possible while also getting his head in some kind of shape to come back to America. **Hard rain st louis band** Music recommendation: The Electric Flag 157071987X Ketwig's memoir is an excruciating emotional odyssey that follows a young man from small town USA through his draft into the Vietnam War and the subsequent experiences that teach him the meaning of the term expendable. **Hard rain falls destiny 2** And A Hard Rain Fell delivers not only an account of the physical and emotional trauma of the war and aftermath but also the cultural upheaval and political corruption and turmoil of the US in the 1960s. **Hard rain falling bookpedia** Prepare to experience the news of MLK Jr and Bobby Kennedy's assassinations the moon landing Woodstock civil rights struggles and peace protests the Fort Kent shootings and all of the hope despair anger and joy that accompanied these events through the mind of a young wide eyed soldier who struggles to find hope and spread peace as an unwilling participant in the Vietnam War. **And a hard rain fell book** It chronicles his experience during which he confronted death and disillusionment not only with his country but with humanity and most importantly with himself especially upon his return to American soil. **Hard rain book bookpedia** Now over 15 years after its initial publication Sourcebooks is proud to bring and a hard rain fell back into print in a newly updated edition with a new introduction by the author and eight pages of never before published photographs. **Hard rain book besetzung** He rails against the army as did most draftees who became the expendables while the lifers stayed in their air conditioned bunkers behind the lines and collected medals for themselves. **Hard rain falling don carpenter** While there he is recognized as a first rate welder and is airlifted to somewhere classified obviously Laos where our government assured us we were not to do some welds on an artillery battery that was shelling North Vietnam. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** He still hasn't recovered and the bubble of a sense of teenage invulnerability had been shattered by that event I went to Thailand to recover and spent several months traveling around that country which then before the ruin of commercial tourism it was the most beautiful place in the world and the Thai people before the greed of western consumerism got them by the throat were a very special people.

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But his bravery in writing this book was one step in his healing process. **And a hard rain fell book** 157071987X This is one of the best books dealing with the Vietnam experience I have read: **Hard rain sounds for sleep** Perhaps part of its appeal for me came from the parallels between Ketwigs experience and my own: **And a hard rain fell book** Both of us served in non combat units but were drawn into combat from the periphery by the nature of our work: **Hard rain booking locations** Though precise experiences were different our responses were oh so very similar, **And a hard rain fell book** After Vietnam I went to serve as a free lance soldier with FANK forces in Cambodia, **Hard rain book besetzung** There the combat I saw was of very high intensity and at close range. **Hard rain book bookpedia** After I was slightly wounded.

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Review: 26And a hard rain fell by John Ketwig: **And a hard rain fell book** Every person who served in Vietnam has their own traumatizing story to tell, **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** Many people have put this author down and claim he is a whiner, **Hard rain full book online free** Why not read his accounts even if some are flawed? He saw it the way it was to him: **Hard rain booking locations** Other authors and Vietnam Vets have documented well the haze of depersonalization that characterized the U, **And a hard rain fell book** The trauma of such transformation is hard to understand unless one has 1Cbeen there done that 1C, **And a hard rain fell book** Ketwig was in a stage of confusion when he signed up for another year in Thailand, **Hard rain full book online free** He wanted to go home but fear at that time held him back. **Hard rain falling bookpedia** It became therapeutic for him and allowed him to shut his demons away without confronting them at that time: **Hard rain falling don carpenter** Then the day came when he goes home to suffer the dislocation common to many Vietnam Vets. **Hard rain book bookpedia** At least not until he begins to tap this story out painfully page by page 26, **Hard rain full book online free** I was intrigued interested and curious to read about the two years John Ketwig spent in Southeast Asia: **Hard rain falls destiny 2** It 19s a valuable recollection of what war does to human beings. **Hard rain book bookpedia** This story is even critical today as Iraq and Afghanistan blaze across our national consciousness. **And a hard rain fell book** The average age of the American fighting person in The Nam War was nineteen. **Hard rain full book online** The average age of the American fighting person in World War II was twenty six. **Hard rain falling bookpedia** A lot of persons spent a year in Nam and came home and couldn't legally drink a beer: **Hard rain falls destiny 2** When will we debate teenage war? 157071987X This is one of those Vietnam War memoirs that rises above the rest: **Hard rain falling don carpenter** Ketwig was basically a kid when he enlisted in 1967 hoping to avoid getting drafted and sent to Vietnam the only way an ordinary kid from upstate New York could, **Hard rain full book online free** The recruiter promised him he'd be fixing trucks in Germany but he wound up at a military scrap yard near Pleiku with 365 days of war to survive. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** There are the standard scenes; ambushes terror dead bodies Army brutality whorehouses and drug fueled benders. **Hard rain falling bookpedia** But what makes this book exceptional is the emotional honesty; Ketwig bleeds on the page working out a decade of suppressed memories and the cultural context, **Hard rain book besetzung** The boys who went to Vietnam and they definitely went as boys were a generation raised on TV muscle cars the Beatles and the Space Race. **Hard rain for severe insomnia** They were people with tremendous dreams fed into a meat grinder of a war to justify lies, **Hard rain falling book** Ketwig has used this book as the foundation of a career speaking out against the military industrial complex and he is brave and right to do so, **Hard rain book besetzung** Since I do read a lot of these one thing that separates out Ketwig as a volunteer is that he had a second year in the Army which he spent in Thailand, **Hard rain full book online free** Too many of these books are just that one year And a Hard Rain Fell explains how that year matters in the course of a life. **And a hard rain fell book** 157071987X Ketwig's personally subjective account of a non combatant in Vietnam at the age of nineteen is brutally raw and emotionally insightful: **Hard rain falling don carpenter** Sadly the same many faced during this horrific time in our Nation's history and to date emotional detachment is a continued battle as P: **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** is prevalent in many of the lives of our Vietnam Veterans, **Hard rain full book online free** In my opinion it wasn't a spellbinding read but it does offer a good recollection of war whose insights are as applicable today as the time period it describes: **And a hard rain fell book** It was 1982 fourteen years after I had last set foot in Vietnam and thirteen years after I returned to The World, **Hard rain full book online free** I'd never written than an occasional letter to the editor in my life: **Hard rain booking locations** I needed to get Vietnam out into the open but I couldn't talk about it: **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** Thus begins John Ketwig's powerful memoir of the Vietnam War. **Hard rain full book online** From the

country roads of upstate New York to the jungles of Vietnam and finally to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D: **Hard rain booking locations** and a hard rain fell is a gripping and visceral account of one young man's struggle to make sense of his place in a world gone mad. **Hard rain for severe insomnia** And a Hard Rain Fell An absolutely searing and visceral account of one young mans war in Vietnam and its after effects on his life: **Hard rain booking locations** At times extremely hard to read making one ask many questions that have no answers chiefly among them Why?, **Hard rain book besetzung** I laughed I wept I squirmed the author has a gift and hits all of ones emotions, **Hard rain full book online free** 157071987X For a soldier who lived in base for part of a tour and in Thailand for the other part he sure did have a lot happen. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** Imagine meeting the enemy socially or suffering from depression due to a bad experience with drugs, **Hard rain st louis band** Yes it's all here it's sometimes well written but at times lacks that quality that can lead the reader to believe what happened maybe didn't, **Hard rain falling book** 157071987X A very powerful book especially for those of us who faced the draft and Vietnam in the late sixties: **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** Ketwig was sent to Vietnam where he faced unimaginable horrors. **Hard rain st louis band** He volunteers for a second year to guarantee a billet in Thailand rather than return home because he doesn't think he can explain his 370 days in The Nam, **And a hard rain fell book** The section after he returned home feels a little hurried and uneven almost as if he couldn't wait to get it out: **Hard rain sounds for sleep** His data regarding the effects of Vietnam on his fellow soldiers are nothing short of frightening, **Hard rain full book online free** The Air Force Ranch Hand report found that mortality in children of Vietnam vets before 28 days was three times that of the population unexposed to Agent Orange. **Hard rain full book online** But of course the report said they would not hesitate to use it again, **Hard rain book besetzung** Prophetically while in Thailand he has dinner with a Japanese businessman(remember this is 1967) who says the new battlefield will be the marketplace, **Hard rain falling book** A must read 157071987X I generally shy away from such books but a new friend of mine gave me a copy of a book he wrote in 1985: **Hard rain falling don carpenter** And a Hard Rain Fell: A GI's True Story of the War in Vietnam by John Ketwig is still in print. **Hard rain book bookpedia** It's a hard book to read if you were in Vietnam or if you were on the home front protesting or not waiting for a loved one to come home or not. **Hard rain st louis band** The back cover likens this to Johnny Got His Gun by Dalton Trumbo a great anti war novel. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** His book divided into three sections is stream of consciousness for the first half. **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** His fear his anger come through in long run on sentences where his emotions pour out onto the page: **Hard rain falls destiny 2** His second section his healing year in Thailand before he returned to The World is less frenetic. **Hard rain book bookpedia** The return to The World in section three is the weakest and shortest: **Hard rain booking locations** But what he writes in the first section overrides the weakness of the last section, **Hard rain shoot out at graveyard** This is one of the most painful books I've read about war, **Hard rain book besetzung** Again his observations and thoughts as well as many of his experiences paralleled my own. **Hard rain full book online** This is a frank and truthful account by a young man who was typical of so many, **And a hard rain fell book** we are all old now and the rawness of those years has dimmed some may wonder and ask what it was like the answers can be glimpsed here. This book brought my own responses back in stark relief. The other similarity was his tour in Thailand. I did almost the same thing. A GI 19s experience of the war in Vietnam. S. Military in the middle 1960s. He felt another year was a good choice for him. In time he makes a life but his demons never rest. It is a story of one man 19s war. This book was well written and should not be downsized. We debate teenage drinking teenage voting and teenage marriage. Vietnam haunts America. T.S.D. 157071987X I didn't set out to write a book. I had a family and a career. My twisted insides had spawned ulcers. The nightmares were frequent. Not after all those years. C. If you read only one book about Vietnam read this one. War is too expensive. Obviously we in America haven't been listening. He thought it would have meaning for me. It did but maybe not in the way he intended. I read it years ago during a sit in. I read it again before I plunged into Ketwig's story.

Different but so much the same. Ketwig was a kid when he went to Vietnam. Late teens. He was there near Dak To and through the Tet Offensive. As he feels he's safe his language is less powerful. The writer my friend is damaged by PTSD. 157071987X

