



Abandoning Vietnam: How America Left and South Vietnam Lost Its War (Paperback)

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University Press of Kansas, United States, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Did America's departure from Vietnam produce the peace with honor promised by President Richard Nixon or was that simply an empty wish meant to distract war-weary Americans from a tragic defeat with shame? While James Willbanks doesn't offer any easy answers to that question, his book convincingly shows why America's strategy for exiting the Vietnam War failed miserably and left South Vietnam to a dismal fate. That strategy, Vietnamization, was designed to transfer full responsibility for the defense of South Vietnam to the South Vietnamese, but in a way that would buy the United States enough time to get out without appearing to run away. To achieve this goal, America poured millions of dollars into training and equipping the South Vietnamese military while attempting to pacify the countryside. Precisely how this strategy was implemented and why it failed so completely are the subjects of this eye-opening study. Drawing upon both archival research and his own military experiences in Vietnam, Willbanks focuses on military operations from 1969 through 1975. He begins by analyzing the events that led to a change in...



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