

Hurricane Street: A Haunting Journey through Vietnam and America's Betrayal by Ron Kovic



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Ron Kovic's *Hurricane Street* is a powerful and deeply moving memoir that chronicles his experiences in the Vietnam War, his subsequent struggle to make sense of his life in its aftermath, and his eventual path towards anti-war activism.

Kovic was drafted into the army in 1964 and served as a medic in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. During his time in Vietnam, he witnessed firsthand the horrors of war and was himself severely wounded. He was paralyzed from the waist down and left with severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

After returning home, Kovic struggled to adjust to civilian life. He was haunted by nightmares and flashbacks, and he often felt lost and alone. He also had to deal with the discrimination and prejudice that many Vietnam veterans faced at the time.

In the late 1970s, Kovic became involved in the anti-war movement. He spoke out against the war and the government's treatment of veterans. He also became a leading advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

Hurricane Street is a searing indictment of the Vietnam War and the way that America treated its veterans. It is also a powerful story of healing and hope. Kovic's journey from broken soldier to anti-war activist is an inspiration to us all.

The War

Kovic's account of his experiences in Vietnam is harrowing and unforgettable. He describes the horrors of war in vivid detail, from the

bloody battles to the squalid conditions in the field hospitals.

He also writes about the psychological toll that the war took on him and his fellow soldiers. He describes how they were desensitized to violence and how they struggled to cope with the death and destruction they witnessed.

Kovic's experiences in Vietnam left him with severe PTSD. He was haunted by nightmares and flashbacks, and he often felt like he was going crazy. He also had difficulty adjusting to civilian life. He felt lost and alone, and he had trouble holding down a job.

The Betrayal

After returning home, Kovic was shocked by the way that many Americans treated Vietnam veterans. He was spat on and called a baby killer. He was also denied benefits and services that he was entitled to.

Kovic felt betrayed by his country. He had fought for his country, but he was now being treated like a pariah. This betrayal led him to become involved in the anti-war movement.

The Healing

Kovic's journey from broken soldier to anti-war activist is an inspiration to us all. He found healing through his work with the anti-war movement and through his advocacy for the rights of people with disabilities.

Kovic's story shows us that it is possible to overcome even the most difficult challenges. He is a reminder that we must never give up on hope.

Hurricane Street is a must-read for anyone interested in the human cost of war. It is a powerful and moving memoir that will stay with you long after you finish it.

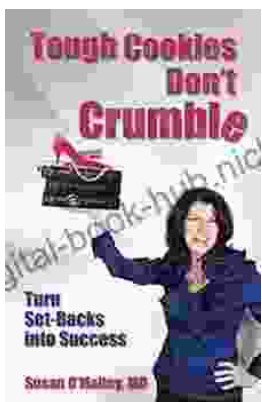
Kovic's story is a reminder of the importance of peace and the need to treat veterans with respect and dignity. It is also a story of hope, healing, and the power of the human spirit.



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