

Exposing the Secret Beginnings of America's Vietnam War

The true story of the exciting and perilous life of a young journalist in one of the country's most divisive and controversial wars

The Journalist: Life and Loss in America's Secret War By Jerry A. Rose and Lucy Rose Fischer

About the Book:

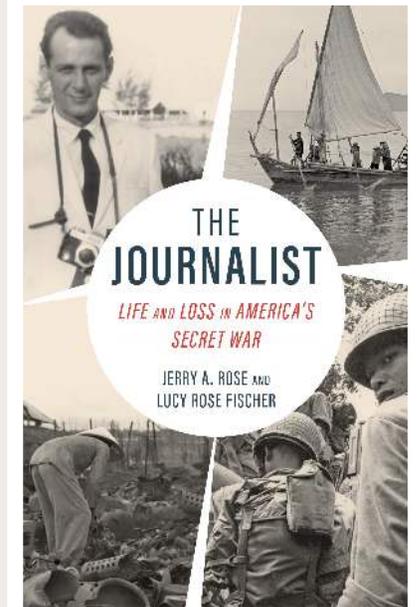
In the early 1960s, Jerry Rose, a writer and artist, travels to Vietnam to teach English and gather material for his writing. Almost accidentally, he becomes one of America's most important war correspondents. He interviews Vietnamese villagers in a countryside riddled by a war of terror and embeds himself with soldiers on the ground—the start of a dramatic and dangerous career. Through his stories and photographs, he exposes the secret beginnings of America's Vietnam War at a time when most Americans have not yet heard of Vietnam. His writing is described as “war reporting that ranks with the best of Ernest Hemingway and Ernie Pyle.”

In spring 1965, Jerry agrees to serve as an advisor to the Vietnamese government at the invitation of his friend and former doctor, who is the new Prime Minister. He hopes to use his deep knowledge of the country to help Vietnam. In September 1965, while on a trip to investigate corruption in the provinces of Vietnam, Jerry dies in a plane crash in Vietnam.

Now, more than half a century later, his sister, Lucy Rose Fischer, has drawn on her late brother's journals, letters, and other writings to craft his story. She has written this memoir in “collaboration” with her late brother—giving the term “ghostwritten” a whole new meaning.

Talking Points:

- **Timely resurgence of interest in Vietnam War**
- **This year marks the 45th anniversary (April 30) of the end of the Vietnam War and the 65th anniversary (Nov. 1) of its beginning (20 years long!)**
- **Fresh angle on a familiar story**
- **Of special interest to Vietnam generation**
- **Pop culture brings the Vietnam War to a younger generation (like hit TV show “This is Us”)**
- **Timely release for military remembrance holidays**
- **Journalists are often among the forgotten tragedies of war**



BOOK DETAILS

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About the Authors:

Jerry A. Rose published feature articles and photographs in *TIME*, *The New York Times*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *New Republic*, *The Reporter*, and other news venues. He authored two books: *Reported to be Alive* and *Face of Anguish*, a book of his photographs. He was one of the most accomplished journalists of his time.

Lucy Rose Fischer, Jerry's younger sister, an award-winning Minnesota author, artist, and social scientist, is the author of five previous books: *Linked Lives: Adult Daughters and Their Mothers*; *Older Minnesotans*; *Older Volunteers*; *I'm New at Being Old*; and *Grow Old With Me*, as well as more than 100 professional research articles. She has a PhD in sociology and an MA in Asian Studies.

Important Dates:

- Memorial Day - May 25
- Purple Heart Day- Aug 7
- National Grief Awareness Day- Aug 30
- We Love Memoirs Day- Aug 31
- 65th anniversary of start of Vietnam War --Nov. 1 (1955)
- Veteran's Day- Nov 11

Praise:

"Profound, disturbing, and humane, *The Journalist* illuminates the Vietnam War in the words of a courageous, gifted man who dedicated his life to telling the truth, no matter what it cost him."

- **Foreword Reviews**

"A thoughtful, revealing look at the early years of the war in Vietnam from one of the first reporters to cover it."

- **Kirkus Reviews [Starred Review]**

"Jerry Rose, as a young journalist in Vietnam in the early 1960s, was an intimate witness to the beginnings of the tragedy that became America's Vietnam War. This riveting memoir is a chronicle of ambition, war, love, and loss."

- **Judy Bernstein, author of *They Poured Fire on Us and Disturbed in Their Nests***

"This memoir is a must-read for those who want to see, hear, and feel Vietnam in the turbulent and secretive 1960s."

- **Professor James B. Wells, Eastern Kentucky University**

"This very personal story by a dedicated, courageous and prescient reporter is riveting--and shockingly relevant to the last nineteen years of our violent stalemate in Afghanistan"

- **Daniel Ellsberg, author of *Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers***

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