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In the annals of history, the Vietnam War stands as a tragic and unforgettable conflict that profoundly impacted the United States and Southeast Asia. The war's origins can be traced to the aftermath of World War II, when France attempted to reassert its colonial control over Vietnam.

However, the Vietnamese people, led by the charismatic communist leader Ho Chi Minh, were determined to gain their independence. The result was a bloody and protracted war that ended with France's humiliating defeat at the Battle of Dien Bien Phu in 1954.

The French defeat sent shockwaves through the Western world. The United States, which had been providing financial and military aid to France, was deeply concerned about the implications of a communist victory in Southeast Asia.

Fearing that a domino effect would occur, with one country after another falling to communism, the United States decided to intervene in Vietnam. This decision was based on the domino theory, which held that if one country in a region fell to communism, its neighbors would soon follow.

The United States initially provided economic and military assistance to South Vietnam, the non-communist state that had been created after the Geneva Accords of 1954. However, as the war escalated, the United States became increasingly involved, eventually committing hundreds of thousands of troops to the conflict.

The Vietnam War was a long and bloody affair that ultimately cost the lives of over 58,000 American soldiers and millions of Vietnamese people. The war also had a profound impact on American society, leading to widespread protests and divisions within the country.

In this gripping and thought-provoking book, author Edward Miller provides a comprehensive account of the French defeat at Dien Bien Phu and its far-reaching consequences. Miller draws on extensive research and interviews with key participants to shed new light on this pivotal moment in history.

The French Defeat That Lured America Into the Vietnam Campaign is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the origins of the Vietnam War and its legacy for the United States and Southeast Asia.

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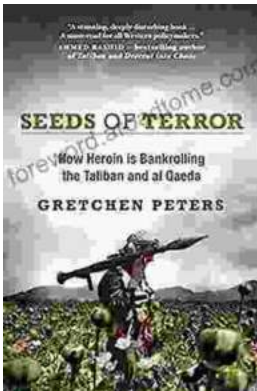
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