
SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Because this book is principally a firsthand account of a brief period in the history of Viet Nam the following bibliography is limited mainly to works cited in the text and notes. The author has diligently avoided repeating facts, opinions and interpretations stated by other writers except where these were essential to the text for clarity, generally supported by official American documentation and the author's personal involvement. To recapitulate in this bibliography the several thousand items in current work on Indochina and Viet Nam would be redundant. The reader concerned with Vietnamese history, culture, economics, etc., both colonial and contemporary, will find many excellent bibliographies in the works of other authors. To mention only a few: Joseph Buttinger's bibliographies are prolific and discriminating. Bernard B. Fall, drawing widely from French sources, provided an invaluable group of bibliographies for a better understanding of the French view on Indochina. Conversely, King C. Chen's *Vietnam and China 1938-1954* (1969) is replete with rare and useful source material, including Chinese documentation and works of Chinese and Vietnamese writers, while Frances Fitz-Gerald's *Fire in the Lake* (1972) offers an expanded bibliography which includes sources indispensable to a clear understanding and appreciation of Vietnamese social practices and moral conduct. Finally, the books of Foreign Languages Publishing House in Hanoi have proved to be good control sources for time, place, and people in reconstructing the history of the period.



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