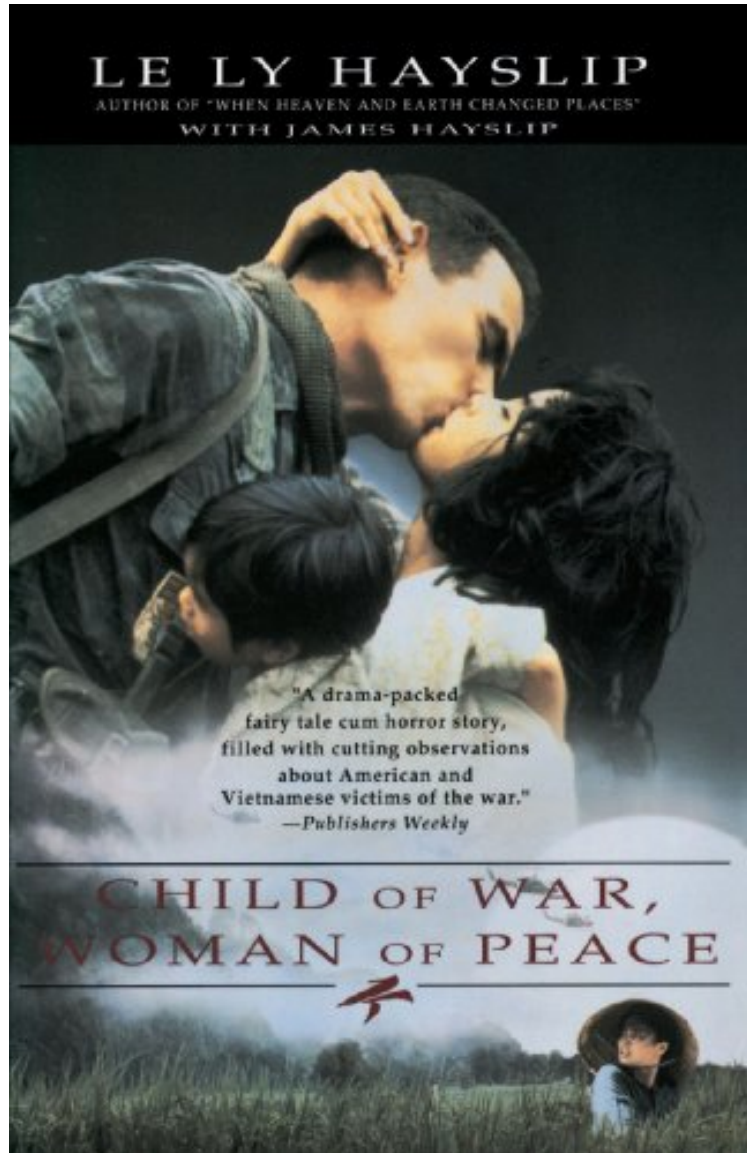


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Le Ly Hayslip : Child of War, Woman of Peace before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Child of War, Woman of Peace:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Follow Up to the First Book By Book guy This is a good follow up to the first book. It also cleared up quite a few inconsistencies from Oliver Stone's movie about the various

husbands and lovers Le Ly had over the years. Very powerful to learn how the author established the East West Foundation with her credibility on the line with both her countries (Vietnam and the United States), Ky La her village, and even members of her immediate family. Most people seek revenge after ill treatment or least hold resentments and ill feelings towards those who they feel abused them. Le Ly is not one of those people. It's inspiring to see what can happen when one person puts the effort into making something become a reality, this despite trying to raise family through multiple husbands and dealing with her many pitfalls along the way. All this as she learns to adapt to her new life in America. A must read for those who want to learn what can happen if you put to action what you would like to see happen. Now that being said, I am still a bit confused on some details. I've read the first book "When Heaven and Earth Changed Places" and I've seen Oliver Stone's movie "Heaven and Earth". I see how Oliver Stone took characteristics of all the husbands and loves in Le Ly's life and molded them into one U.S. marine. But I believe in the first book (I could be wrong) it was mentioned that she was 20 and Ed was 60 when they got married. But in the second book I believe it says that he was 55 after the two of them had been in the U.S. a few years. There are few things that I think Mr. Stone shouldn't have taken the liberty to deviate too much from what was written in the book. When her second husband dies he did die in a van officially in the police report by lighting a charcoal bbq in his van to try and keep warm on a cold night after he was kicked out of the house. Was it suicide or not? The book says that the police said it was common for homeless people living in cars to try and stay warm in their cars by lighting a charcoal bbq, thus not thinking about the carbon monoxide danger being created. But given recent events maybe it was suicide. To me it didn't seem like Le Ly knew for sure herself. The book also pointed out that she left Vietnam during the war and came back during the war. Then left again. Something that confused me after watching the movie first. There are other inconsistencies but I guess these details are things that should be mentioned in the movie review, not the book review. Overall I think it is worth the read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A story by a remarkable person. By Paul DeLura As with Ms. Hayslip's first book it was a very candid and brutally honest narration of her life after her exodus from Vietnam. What is truly amazing is what this woman has accomplished since she has written this book. She has truly done all she says she wanted to do and much, much more. Google her name. The world could use many more like her. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tiresome By SpeedyCook While reading about Le Ly's life experiences was very interesting, the endless discussions she includes about her spiritual beliefs just became tiresome and dull. She has a deep belief in dreams, ancestor communication and ghosts which may work for her, but just seems like a mass of superstition and wishful thinking. She has a habit of jumping into bad relationships with mentally men which does not serve her well. However, she never seems to grasp the concept that she should try a different approach. Drags on and on.

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From Publishers Weekly Alternately shocking and inspiring, this sequel to Hayslip's award-winning 1989 account of her youth in wartime Vietnam, *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places*, tells how that peasant girl, now in the U.S., parleys a quick wit and a spirit toughened by war, poverty, rape and desertion into personal worth of more than a million dollars, and finds spiritual peace. Wary of men, but hoping unsuccessfully to gain security through two marriages with Americans, she exchanges the horrors of Vietnam for the unknown ones she finds in southern California. There the deaths of both unloved husbands in short order leave her with a little cash, some Social Security aid and income from small jobs. On this, she raises her children (the eldest of whom is her coauthor here), makes canny investments and almost continually suffers through sorry relations with men who deceive her. But religious faith bolsters her, and she finds satisfaction in the foundation she sets up to help her devastated country, called East Meets West. A drama-packed fairy tale cum horror story, the book is filled with cutting observations about American and Vietnamese victims of the war. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal In the compelling *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places* (LJ 5/15/89), Hayslip told of her life in Vietnam and her return to find her family. Joined by her son, she here tells of her encounter with U.S. society, struggle for financial independence, several return trips to Vietnam, and founding of the charitable East Meets West Foundation. Her Buddhist-inspired philosophy of peace is sincere, but while her first book evoked admiration, this one presents a stubborn, naive heroine who uses others as much as she is used. There are marriages of convenience, evil relatives (Vietnamese and American), betrayed love, talks with her dead father, fortune-tellers--all the ingredients of a TV miniseries. In fact, the two books are the basis of a forthcoming Oliver Stone movie. For public libraries where the first book was in demand.- Kenneth W. Berger, Duke Univ. Lib., Durham, N.C. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Publisher The inspiring story of an immigrant's struggles to heal old wounds in the United States, this is the sequel to *When Heaven And Earth Changed Places*, Le Ly Hayslip's extraordinary, award-winning memoir of life in wartime Vietnam.