

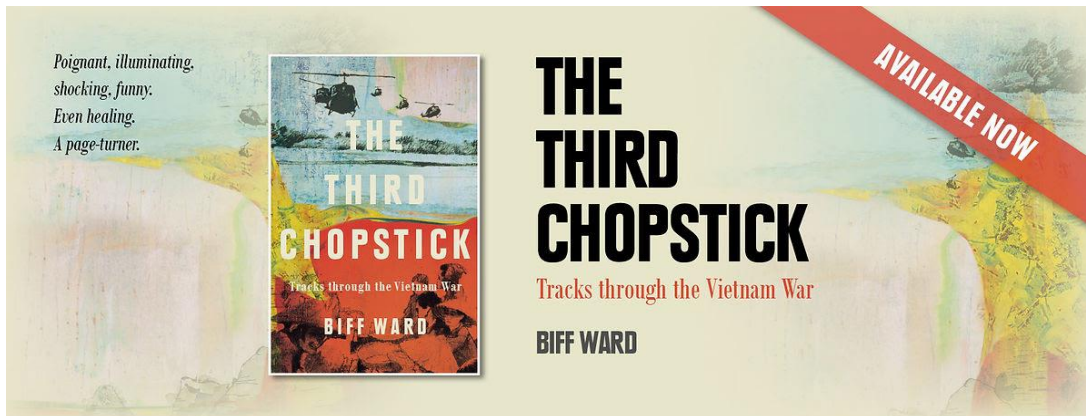


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Biff Ward and the Multiple Impacts of the Vietnam War

Sunday 3 September 2023 at 2:30pm
Manning Clark House, 11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest, ACT

Biff Ward will discuss her acclaimed book *The Third Chopstick, Tracks through the Vietnam War*. She will transport us back to the Vietnam war days in conversation with political historian Professor John Murphy from Melbourne University. Biff Ward was a protestor herself during the Vietnam War but seeks to understand the war from multiple angles, balancing the heartfelt motivations of the protest movement with candid accounts from veterans about what was happening for them during and after the war. In a review of this book Sara Dowse has written “Now and then you’ll come across a book so original that you can’t help shouting here is something special”. Biff is an accomplished author and was shortlisted for her literary memoir *In My Mother’s Hands* (2014) for the NSW & WA Premiers literary awards.



Professor John Murphy is widely published on Australian social, political and policy history. He is widely acclaimed for his book *Harvest of Fear: A History of Australia’s Vietnam War* which discussed how the Cold War shaped Australian images of Asia and the nature of the Vietnamese revolution which some 50,000 Australian troops failed to reverse. His book *Evatt: A Life* (2019) was shortlisted for the Prime Minister’s Literary Awards, Australian History Prize and a number of other history awards.

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