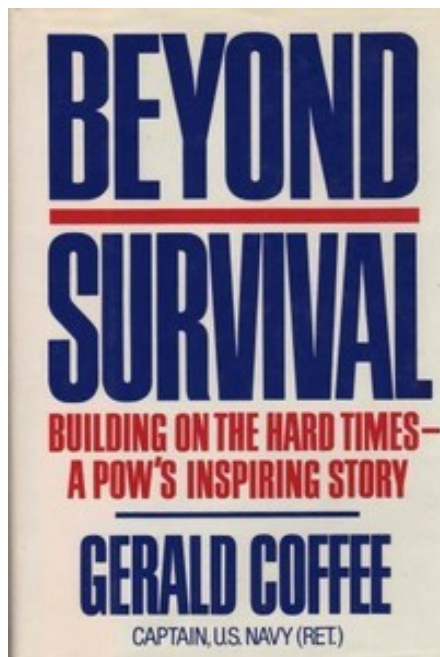




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In the blink of an eye, the impossible happens to naval officer Gerald Coffee--his plane is shot down and he becomes a POW. Here he narrates his own shocking story of what really happened in the prisons of North Vietnam.

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Ann Smith says

If ever a memoir should have been written, this is the one.
Captain Gerald Coffee's has written an epic, and inspiring story of survival.

There were many parts that had me in tears. Especially toward the end after he was rescued.

Thank you Captain for sharing your story. I can only imagine how hard it was to write it all out. I will be recommending this to everyone who needs some inspiration.

Relstuart says

Great book. Very moving in parts as the author talks about his harrowing experiences as a POW. He is frank about some things a few other authors have left out in their stories.

As an aside, it was interesting how the Vietnamese would raise puppies till they were a few months old then a few of them would get together with sticks and chase them down and beat them to death before butchering them and eating them. They thought the adrenaline rush the puppies would have from being beaten to death made the meat taste better. It's always interesting to note how different some cultures are about some things.

Alice Lee says

In persons, Coffee is a great speaker and presenter. His story is extremely inspiring. The book translates vividly for the reader what a 7 year experience as a POW in Vietnam can be like. It made me appreciate my freedom and relative life of luxury even more.

Gail Driscoll says

Powerful narrative of Captain Gerald Coffee's seven year ordeal as a POW in Hanoi, Vietnam. Proof positive of the invincible human spirit. Having visited Vietnam last summer and in particular Hai Lo Prison--I could see, smell, and hear his day-to-day observations. However, I am unable to fathom the cruelty, torture, indignity, and deprivation he endured. Fills one with gratitude.

Brenda says

Enlightening Story of Survival

Navy Lieutenant Gerald Coffee, whose plane was shot down over North Vietnam, has written this excellent historical and enlightening story of his life during the seven years he spent as a POW. His ability to persevere through those horrendous years and to overcome such adversity is beyond what any person should

ever have to endure. I am truly humbled by his sacrifice and love for America. Thank you Lieutenant Coffee for a novel I will never forget. GB & GBA!

Michael Pelligrini says

Inspirational

This is a story of a true American and his great love of country and God. He sets the standard of what it means to be an American. His story will educate and inspire everyone to be a better American. God bless.

Dawnia says

Incredible story. I am amazed at those who were able to survive such terrible circumstances. I can't imagine being able to keep going day after day, year after year - such faith and determination.

Sharon says

This is a wonderfully inspiring autobiographical account of Flt Lt Gerald Coffee's ability to overcome the odds and endure hardship and mistreatment, following his plane being shot down and being captured by the VC.

Gerald spent seven years as a captive in unimaginable conditions; he was tortured, beaten and spent many weeks at a time in solitary confinement, in a prison in Hanoi.

His indomitable spirit, powers of reasoning, strength of character and sheer tenacity are evident many times over in this very moving and powerful account and I hold Gerald in very high regard. Not only did he survive, he also encouraged fellow Prisoners of War, always believed and harbours no bitterness in his heart.

I highly recommend this book to those who love to read true, well written stories of overcoming against all odds!

Tom Schulte says

One of the longest serving Vietnam POWs wrote one of the most compelling tales of POW survival I have read. It is really quite literary at times and is often refreshing and honest. The story of routines and structure and how to keep sanity and hope are interesting, while the most cruel moment comes not from the torture, but the guards. They are convinced stressed dogs make better eating and cruelly corner and beat to death their canine dinner, puppies that are one of the things to observe through concealed cracks by nearly hopeless men. Surprisingly, they get to raise a bird "Charlie" and also making a brief appearance is John McCain. The author claims he survived as a "show prisoner" due to his father's Navy position.

It is very interesting to read Coffee's feelings on the growing anti-War movement, Fonda, and Bertrand

Russell who he communicates with through a mysterious envoy. Stern stuff from one who felt dignity and betrayal.

April says

I rate this as my second favorite book I have ever read... however I didn't actually read the whole thing!! I know that sounds crazy. It is an amazing book but very hard to read because of the real violence he experienced. I have listened to his live presentations (audio recordings) and think he is one of the most inspiring people I have ever listened to. Gerald Coffee is my hero and I am so grateful he shared his story of faith and trial.

Tom Nolan says

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Doyle says

A true tale of hardship and what it takes to overcome. Mr. Coffee did an excellent job of sharing his introspective views which he learned while a POW in the Hanoi Hilton. It never ceases to amaze me when reading POW autobiographies and biographies that it always revolves around faith, structure, and routine.

Bill Donhiser says

Not an easy book to read. Gerald's experiences are unbelievably difficult to fathom how he handled them and what he has done are nothing short of amazing. Inspirational reading at its finest
