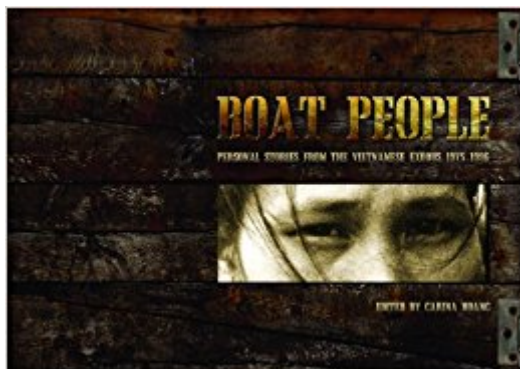


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Boat People: Personal Stories From The Vietnamese Exodus 1975-1996



Synopsis

The years 1975 to 1996 were witness to the largest mass migration in modern history, when more than a million people left war-torn Vietnam by boat in search of safety. Nicknamed "Boat People," the desperate families often did not survive the journey. Thousands perished when their boats fell apart en route, while others succumbed to starvation, dehydration, and cold-blooded attacks by Thai pirates. Editor Carina Hoang is a survivor of the Exodus and a Special Representative for Australia for the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has compiled a book of rich personal stories, of the perilous sea journey, the time spent in refugee camps, and the final journey to new adopted homelands. *Boat People: Personal Stories from the Vietnamese Exodus 1975-1996* is Hoang's moving account of the Vietnamese refugees that combines autobiographical accounts from survivors with evocative images from the time. After fleeing Vietnam with her family at the age of 16 in a wooden boat full of 373 refugees, Carina Hoang stayed in a UN refugee camp in Indonesia. When she received amnesty from the United States, she earned a B.S. in Chemistry at Rosemont College in Pennsylvania. Though many of her relatives now live in the U.S., Carina eventually settled in Australia with her husband and daughter. In recent years, Carina has taken groups of former "boat people" back to the camps in Indonesia where they escaped to from Vietnam, searching for the graves of those who did not survive. After taking her first trip back to Indonesia and posting some photos of gravesites online, other refugee families had contacted her. They had recognized their relatives' names on the graves in the photos, and asked to accompany her on future trips. Her book is filled with the first-hand accounts of these Vietnamese "boat people" and their families (including her own).

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At the age of sixteen, Carina Hoang left Vietnam with two younger siblings and four hundred strangers in a frail wooden boat and set off across the South China Sea. They survived the journey and the extreme challenges that followed in a primitive refugee camp, and ultimately were accepted for resettlement in the United States. In recent years Hoang has assisted a number of Vietnamese families to find the grave of relatives in several former refugee camps in Indonesia.

In February 1980 I arrived in Kuku just after Carina left the island. I worked as a nurse in the camp. The Boat People have always been in my heart for 35 years. I never heard about Kuku ever again until I saw Carina's book on the Internet. Thanks to her book I was able to go back to Kuku and read all the stories of these wonderful people. Yes indeed it is a testimony of the human spirit and I would strongly recommend this book now that new boat people need to be rescued in the Mediterranean sea.

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