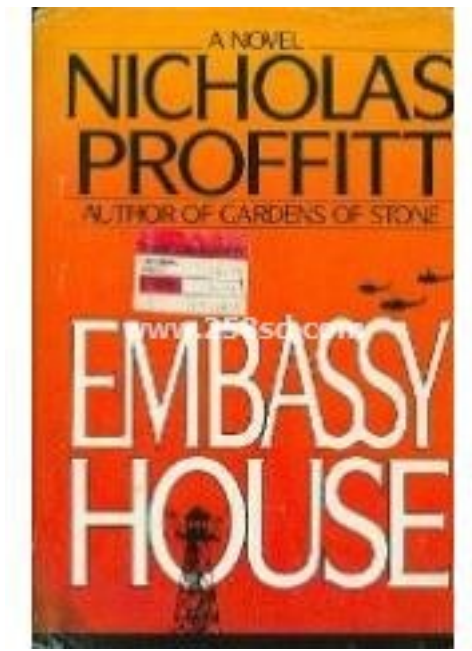


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From Publishers Weekly Less often portrayed than the horrors of the soldiers' war in Vietnam are those of the covert war conducted by the CIA. Proffitt, who worked in Vietnam as a journalist and wrote the highly praised *Gardens of Stone*, recreates them here in a story that's hard-hitting, tense, often horrifying and utterly convincing. Captain Gulliver, nicknamed Sandman for his legendary skills as a killer, is a Green Beret who, in 1970, is "shanghaied" by the CIA to oversee the weeding out of Viet Cong from the villages of a Mekong Delta province. Gulliver hates both his job and his cold-blooded CIA superior, an arranger of "terminations" that he gets others to carry out. He finds friendship with his Vietnamese counterpart, the mysterious Captain Dang, and solace for his torn conscience in the arms of a Vietnamese actress. The entry on the scene of a naive and pretty CIA case worker and

the torture-murder of an innocent man force Gulliver to make his grimmest choice yet between conscience and duty. This is not a story of communism versus democracy, but of civilized values sacrificed to political cause. 500, 000 first printing; major ad/promo. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Captain Jake Gulliver, a.k.a. Sandman, is a Green Beret who also deals in occasional assassinations for the CIA in the Vietnam of the early 1970s. Steelman, a.k.a. Razor, is Gulliver's superior in Saigon and harbors a pathological hatred for him. Dang, a former VC; Nhu, Gulliver's mistress; a ravishingly beautiful lady agent; and assorted American and Vietnamese officials, spies, and killers are involved in a torturously complex situation involving murder, lies, bribery, revenge, lust, and American aid. The plot and the intricate background are deftly woven and filled with fascinating characters that stay with the reader. Bloody, frustrating, fascinating stuff by the author of Gardens of Stone. Highly recommended. Robert H. Donahugh, Youngstown and Mahoning Cty. P.L., OhioCopyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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