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What reviewers are saying:

No holds barred, *Blood Chit* lays out the horror of warfare [and] death on the battlefield. It recounts a soldier's steady degradation from the psychic laceration inflicted by combat. *Blood Chit* is a page-turner, compelling and shocking, and baldly honest. The characters are so real I think I remember them from Nam. Most galvanizing is Smith's understanding of the soul damage wrought by war.

Tom Glenn, www.washingtonindependentreviewofbooks.net

From page one, Paxton's journey leads us into the graphic, horrid complexity of combat. Smith takes us into the devastating, never-ending war of memory in this soldier's wounded heart and mind. He dares us to see what we do to our soldiers... I will never forget *Blood Chit*.

Terry Kester, WPFW-FM, Washington DC

[Chuck Paxton's Vietnam] is a chilling world of booby traps and ambushes, a world in which easy camaraderie and an abiding sense of responsibility give way to sudden death and lingering survivor's guilt... Follow Paxton home [to] a dark world of flashbacks and a haunting separation from other people's reality... *Blood Chit* will draw you in, shake you, and refuse to let go... You'll never again think about PTSD in a detached way.

Pro Patria Press, Newsletter of the 31st Infantry Regiment Assn.

What other writer-veterans are saying:

In *Blood Chit*, Grady Smith delivers a Vietnam war novel that is both haunted and haunting in its gritty realism. *Blood Chit* is a great accomplishment by a gifted writer. Do yourself a favor: Read it!

--Jim Mathews, Winner, Katherine Anne Porter Prize for *Last Known Position*; Member, Air National Guard: two tours in Iraq.

Intense... The characters are well developed and real, the dialogue impeccable, and the plot a page-turner... The writing is superb.

--Steven Manchester, author of *The Unexpected Storm: The Gulf War Legacy*. Army Veteran: Operation Desert Storm.

Full of action, psychological insights and tenderness, *Blood Chit* stays in your mind and heart long after you finish the last page. The book is frighteningly realistic and a must-read to understand what war can do to any of us.

--Lloyd Little, Winner, Pen-Hemingway Award for *Parthian Shot*. Green Beret in Vietnam.

In *Blood Chit*, Grady Smith shows us the man, the hero, and the deeply troubled combat vet consumed by a war which lives on in his psyche. In *Blood Chit* we witness his demise and we understand why. That is a gift of fiction and author Grady Smith's gift to us.

--Mike McDonell, Co-founder, Memorial Day Writers Project; Marine platoon leader, Vietnam.