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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Starred Review. In a narrative set between the years of 1940 and 1976, Pham (*Catfish and Mandala*) recounts the story of his once wealthy father, Thong Van Pham, who lived through the French occupation of Indochina, the Japanese invasion during WWII, and the Vietnam War. Alternating between his father's distant past and more recent events, the narrative take readers on a haunting trip through time and space. This technique lends a soothing, dreamlike quality to a story of upheaval, war, famine and the brutality his father underwent following a

childhood of privilege (And that strange year, the last of the good years, all things were granted. Heaven laid the seal of prosperity upon our land. We were blessed with the most bountiful harvest in memory). For those not familiar with Vietnamese history, Pham does an admirable job of recounting the complex cast of characters and the political machinations of the various groups vying for power over the years. In the end, he also gracefully delivers a heartfelt family history. *(June)*
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From All critics agreed that *The Eaves of Heaven*, written in short, eloquent vignettes that move back and forth in time, is one of the best memoirs of this period in Vietnam's history written from the Vietnamese point of view. Indeed, it offers a much-needed perspective in the United States, which often thinks of "Vietnam" as a painful episode in its own history rather than another nation's. But some reviewers, impressed by Pham's ability to write in his father's voice without sentimentality, went even further. They called *The Eaves of Heaven* a classic among memoirs and compared it with classic texts that address the timeless themes of violence and war. *The Eaves of Heaven* is a book that will greatly appeal to a wide variety of readers. *Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc.*

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