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“War! Huh! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing! Say it again!” When Edwin Starr belted out these lyrics in his angry protest song, he summed up the sentiments of the anti-Vietnam War movement. For the first time in American history, record numbers were marching and protesting to an anti-war tune—on college campuses, in neighborhoods, and in Washington—in the largest and most influential peaceful insurrection the country has ever known. Although it did not create enough pressure on decision makers to end U.S. involvement in the war, the impact of the anti-war movement was monumental. It served as a major constraint on the government’s ability to escalate, played a significant role in President Lyndon B. Johnson’s decision in 1968 not to seek another term, and was a factor in the Watergate affair that brought down President Richard Nixon.

At last, the story of the entire antiwar movement from its advent to its dissolution is available in one brief volume, *Antiwarriors: The Vietnam War and the Battle for America’s Hearts and Minds*. Author Melvin Small describes not only the origins and trajectory of the anti-Vietnam War movement in America, but also focuses on the way it affected policy and public opinion and the way it in turn was affected by the government and the media, and, consequently, events in Southeast Asia.

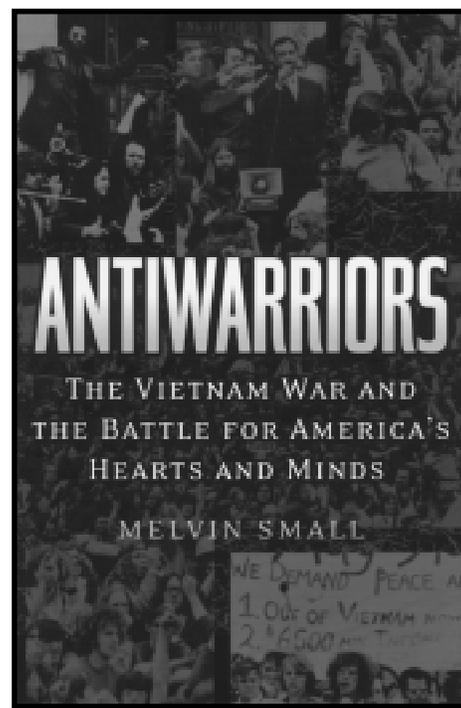
Leading this crusade were outspoken cultural rebels including Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, as passionate about the cause as the music that epitomizes the period. But in addition to radical protestors whose actions fueled intense media coverage, Small reveals that the antiwar movement included a diverse cast of ordinary citizens turned war dissenter: housewives, politicians, suburbanites, clergy members, and the elderly.

This was an amorphous, decentralized, and often anarchic movement. Small makes it clear that there were no membership cards, nor were there any organizations that dominated its activities during the more than seven years of its existence. However, the sum of integral groups such as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, The National Liberation Front, Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace, National Peace Action Coalition, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, constituted a reckoning force. Through marches, sit-ins, political advertisements, and draft card burnings, they communicated their message of peace to the American government and other Americans.

The antiwar movement comes to life in this compelling new book that is sure to fascinate all those interested in the Vietnam War and the turbulent, tumultuous 1960s.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Melvin Small has taught and lectured about the peace movement for three decades. Past president of the Council on Peace Research in History, he teaches at Wayne State University and is the author of several books on the Vietnam War including *Johnson, Nixon, and the Doves* and *Covering Dissent*.



“In this superb overview of the antiwar movement during the 1960s–1970s, Small again demonstrates his mastery of the literature, and his skill in using memorable quotes from both sides to highlight the individuals who changed America, and the events that marked that transformation.”

—Walter LaFeber,
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