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Book Description

In 1968 two young Vietnamese sisters flee to Saigon after their village on the Mekong River is attacked by American forces and burned to the ground. The sole survivors of the brutal massacre that killed their family, the sisters struggle to survive but become estranged, separated by sharply different choices and ideologies. Mai ekes out a living as a GI bar girl, but Tam's anger festers, and she heads into jungle terrain to fight with the Viet Cong. For nearly ten years, neither sister knows if the other is alive. Do they both survive the war? And if they do, can they mend their fractured relationship? Or are the wounds from their journeys too deep to heal? In a "stunning" departure from her crime thrillers, Libby Fischer Hellmann delves into a universal story about survival, family, and the consequences of war.

Early Praise

"In this richly drawn tour de force, Libby Hellmann paints an Asian family saga over two continents. Two sisters take different paths, struggle to confront the past, themselves, and each other. Highly recommended."

—*Cara Black, Three Hours in Paris*

"In a brilliant departure from her earlier work, award-winning thriller writer Libby Fischer Hellmann has crafted a stunning piece of historical fiction. *A Bend in the River* is the story of two Vietnamese sisters torn apart by the war that ravaged their nation. Writing from the perspective of these women whose homeland was so brutally devastated, Hellmann has turned her astute, poetic eye from the hellish battlefields to the details of daily life for ordinary people struggling through a long and bitter conflict. The result is a story that will force us all to look back on the Vietnam War with a different, and I believe kinder, understanding. This is an important novel that deserves a broad audience. Kudos to Hellmann for her courage in striking out in this bold, new direction."

—*William Kent Krueger, This Tender Land*

About the Author

Libby Fischer Hellmann is an acclaimed, bestselling contemporary and historical crime thriller author. Most of her 15 novels have garnered at least one award nomination or win. A former President of Sisters in Crime, Libby now hosts the *SECOND SUNDAY BOOKS* podcast. She conducts workshops on how to write crime fiction; how to publish and promote ebooks; and how to produce audiobooks. She also presents historical programs based on Iran and Cuba, subjects of two of her novels. Her novels have been translated into Spanish, German, Italian, and Chinese. *A Bend In the River* is a departure from her mysteries and crime thrillers.

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