



Cold War Friendships: Korea, Vietnam, and Asian American Literature

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 210 x 141 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Cold War Friendships explores the plight of the Asian ally of the American wars in Korea and Vietnam. Enlisted into proxy warfare, this figure is not a friend but a friendly, a wartime convenience enlisted to serve a superpower. It is through this deeply unequal relation, however, that the Cold War friendly secures her own integrity and insists upon her place in the neocolonial imperium. This study reads a set of highly enterprising wartime subjects who make their way to the US via difficult attachments. American forces ventured into newly postcolonial Korea and Vietnam, both plunged into civil wars, to draw the dividing line of the Cold War. The strange success of containment and militarization in Korea unraveled in Vietnam, but the friendly marks the significant continuity between these hot wars. In both cases, the friendly justified the fight: she was also a political necessity who redeployed cold war alliances, and, remarkably, made her way to America. As subjects in process- and indeed, proto-Americans-these figures are prime literary subjects, whose processes of becoming are on full display in Asian...



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