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### Review

Cherries weds a matchless sense of dramatics with the ability to tell a marvelous story. You have staged excellent, realistic action with convincing effect. Cherries has a compelling magnetic quality. --Manuscripts International

As an avid reader of many historical memoirs, both fiction and autobiographical, rarely have I found one as in depth and revealing as Mr. Podlaski's work.

--Bernie Weisz, Vietnam War Historian

One 'read' will not be enough. You will want to pass through the pages of "Cherries" more than once just to savor the up close and personal story again.

--Jerry Kunnath, author

John Podlaski has created a moving narrative that carries conviction in its sincerity and point of view. It is recommended for its high-voltage narrative style, contemporary interest, and human drama."

--Carlton Press, Inc, 1985

"Intense, provocative, mesmerizing, emotional, heartfelt--John takes you with him to Vietnam. You feel the fear, the awe, the drama, the bravery, the sorrow, and sometimes even the humor of young men in battle." -- Jerome Kunnath, Author

"This author has come closer than 99% of other attempts by rival authors to duplicate the vicarious experience of what it was like to be an "FNG" during America's participation in the Vietnam War!"

-- Bernie Weisz. Vietnam War Historian

### From the Author

"Cherries" is getting excellent reviews on both Amazon and my personal blog. I'm hearing from spouses and children of Veterans who have read my book out of curiosity because their father/husband will not talk about his war experiences. They are using it as a conduit to help open doors, locked for decades. As a result, veterans are beginning to share memories - both good and bad - with family members, and thanking me for "putting into words a story that they've been unable to tell until now". Career soldiers and veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan are responding that they can relate to those experiences within "Cherries", saying that it's a different time, different country, different war, but not much has changed over the years.

### About the Author

John Podlaski served in Vietnam during 1970 and 1971 as an infantryman with both the Wolfhounds of the 25th Division and the 501st Infantry Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, two Air Medals, and a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He has spent the years since Vietnam working in various management positions within the automotive industry, and he recently received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. John is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 and lives with his wife, Janice, in Sterling Heights, Michigan. This is his first novel.

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