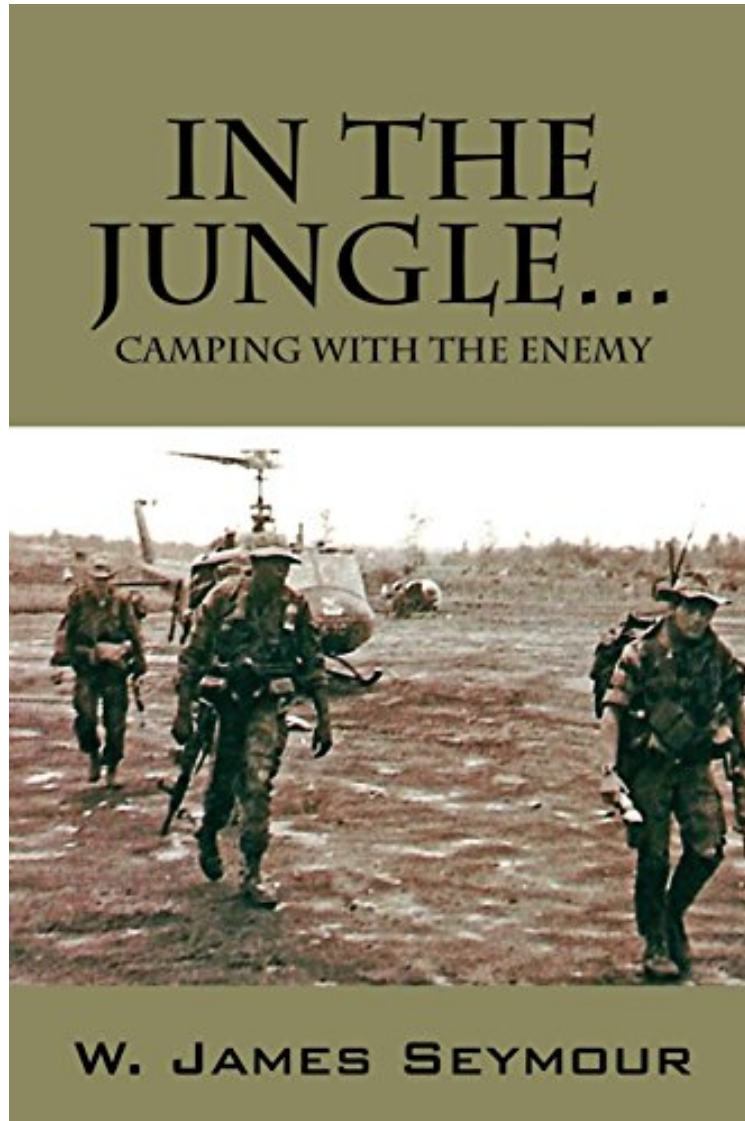


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W. James Seymour : In the Jungle... Camping with the Enemy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Jungle... Camping with the Enemy:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This Ranger Did Lead the WayBy writetrakW James 'Spanky' Seymour was one of those rare LRP/Rangers from the Vietnam war who spent three years in-country with two and half in active combat as a U.S. Army LRP/Ranger with the 1st Air Cavalry Division. Seymour pulled 54 or so behind the lines missions, as a team member, Assistant Team Leader, and Team leader for five to six man teams. In addition with scores of dangerous team insertions and extractions and the young Army Sergeant offers up his personal account

of that time and those missions, and an all important inside look into what it took to not just do the job, but do it well and do it honorably. Seymour's account shows that some Rangers not only lead the way but do it with courage, humility, and hard learned skill. This is also a rare look into someone who served in three of the four combat zones in South Vietnam during the war, how the mission changed from hiding and observing enemy activity in the jungle to ambush and active engagement. There are harrowing running battles here, remarkable heroics and accounts once considered 'secret' and now revealed, as well as the day to day that Seymour captures in a true and honest voice. On his return from the war the Army combat Ranger team leader then served as a Black Hat instructor at the Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Georgia before being brought on as an instructor to the advanced Pathfinder School under the legendary Colonel Robert Howard; Medal of Honor winner and someone who appreciated quiet professionals like Seymour. This book isn't a Hollywood look at the war but a rare insight to one LRP/Ranger's personal two and half year ordeal and remarkable accomplishments. It's like finding a long, lost journal of a hero who would never admit to being one but whose documented deeds clearly defines the term. Like I said, Seymour is a courageous and humble man. That mattered then and that matters now. Buy the book!

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A winner
By VN Ranger I think I've read every book written about LRP/Rangers in Vietnam, and there have been quite a few. Some were great, some were good, all were written from the heart. The latest work, *In The Jungle*, by Jim Seymour is one of the great one. Although much of Jim's story is about his first tour with the 1st Cavalry Division serving in a commo section, it sets up Jim's ultimate decision to extend his time in Nam to serve in the Cav's outstanding LRP/Ranger unit. Jim's subsequent stint of 18 months pulling long range reconnaissance patrols is an accomplishment that few of us who served in that capacity achieved. Jim's 50 missions is not a record, but a ranks right of there with the leaders. Needless to say, 50 deep penetration patrols behind enemy lines is pushing the envelope and close calls are bound to occur. Jim experience his share of them and shares them with the reader in a fashion that demonstrates both his professionalism and his humility. Not one to boast of his achievements, the author still manages to relate the skills that kept him and his teammates alive while "camping with the enemy". I'll not take up this space to share these stories because this book deserves to be read in its entirety, then read again to relish the realism and spine-tingling adventures of Seymour and his comrades, so you'll have to purchase the book and enjoy it yourself. You won't regret it. An outstanding addition to anyone's special ops library.
Gary Linderer 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great Read!!
By David Tennent This is the best book I have read in a long time. Jim Seymour gives you the feeling of being there. His experience and heroism is second to none!! This book makes me proud to be an American!! It leaves you spell bound to the point that I had a hard time putting it down. I hope I speak for the entire country when I say God Bless you Jim, and God Bless America!!! Thanks you for your service!! David Tennent,

During the Vietnam War, when conventional warfare tactics weren't proving enough to eliminate Communist insurgency, the U.S. Army implemented small unit operations to take a new kind of fight to the enemy. Five to six man Long Range Patrol teams, composed of specially trained young enlisted soldiers, went behind enemy lines to gather intelligence on Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army units, capture POWs, or set deadly ambushes that unnerved the enemy in their once-thought-secure jungle sanctuaries. These Long Range Patrol or LRP teams would lead to the re-establishment of the 75th Infantry Ranger Companies in combat and would carry on the proud history and legacy of the U.S. Army Rangers. It would also earn them a coveted place in special operations units, at times at a painful and deadly cost. In this remarkably humble, first-hand account, Seymour covers what it took to do 54 LRP/Ranger missions behind the lines, and the dozens of team insertions and white knuckle extractions that he took part in. *In The Jungle... Camping with the Enemy* offers a unique and personal insight from an extraordinary soldier and those who served as LRP/Rangers with the U.S. Army First Air Cavalry Division.

About the Author From 1967 to 1969 over an unprecedented two and a half years in brutal jungle operations, Staff Sergeant Jim Seymour served as a combat LRP/Ranger and team leader, earning numerous awards including the coveted Bronze Star for Heroism with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor with first oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Valorous Unit Award, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Later Seymour would serve as a Parachute Instructor at the U.S. Army's Airborne Training School at Ft. Benning, GA and as an Instructor at the advanced Pathfinder course program. He lives in the Pacific Northwest.