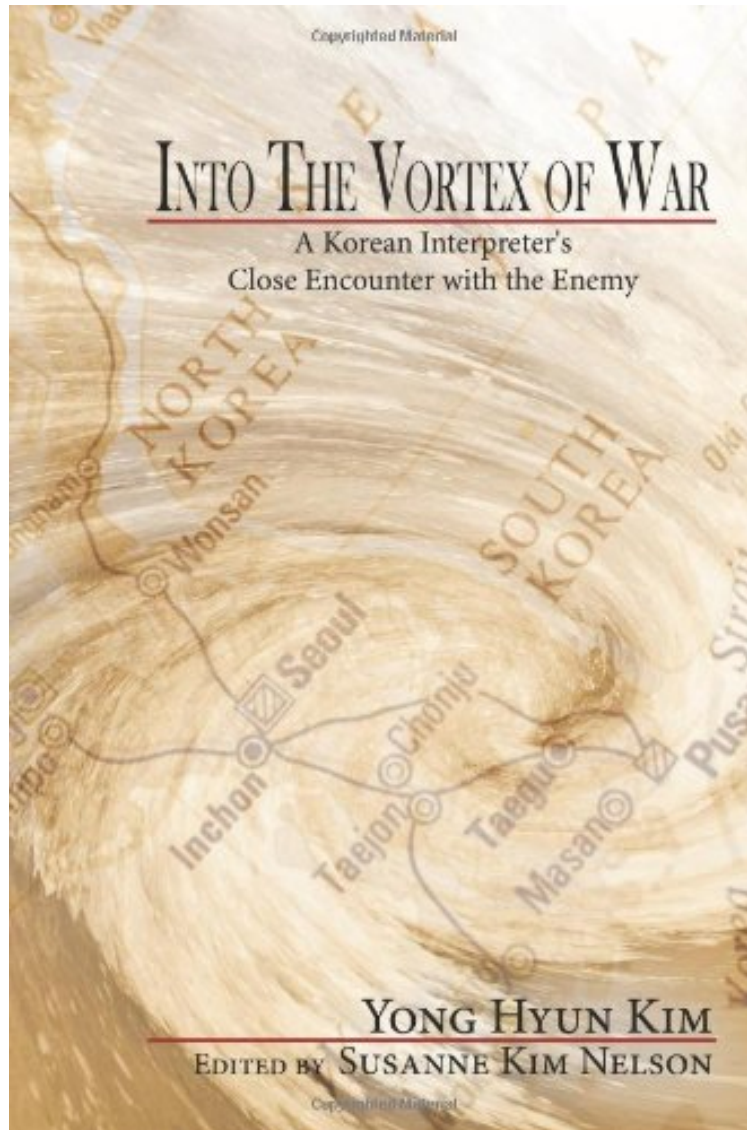


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About the Author Yong Hyun Kim, father of the editor, finished writing this book just weeks before he died. He was an award-winning science writer at Cornell University for 25 years. He covered the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, beginning in 1965 as a science writer in the Cornell News and Feature Service and subsequently as a senior science writer in the Cornell News Service. Retiring from the university in 1990, he returned to his native South Korea and worked as an adviser to The Korea Daily and The Korea Herald. He had three children, a daughter and two sons, and was a resident of Ithaca, NY at the time of his death at age 71. He held a B.A. in English literature from Dongkuk University, Seoul, as well as an M.A. in journalism from the University of Michigan, which honored him in 1955 as a foreign journalism fellow. After the Korean War, he worked for several English- and Korean-language newspapers in Seoul before joining the Cornell University news staff. Among his numerous professional honors were the Award of Excellence for Feature Writing and Magazine Writing, 1984-1990, and the Outstanding Professional Skill Award (1985) of the Agricultural Communicators in Education.