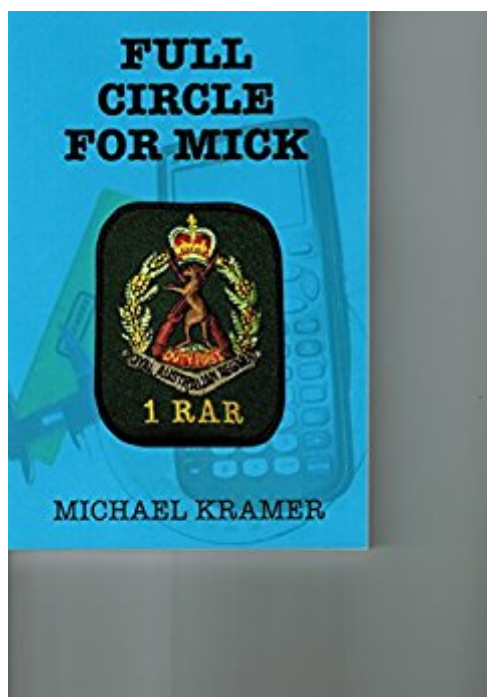


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Ful Circle For Mick: A Story Of The Vietnam War And Its Aftermath



Synopsis

Story of a migrant to Australia from Germany who lies about his age when joining the Australian Army in 1967 in order to serve in Vietnam. 45 years later this became a problem and resulted in the Australian Department of Immigration cancelling his Australian citizenship. He since got it back along with an Australian passport

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This really is an amazing story. It is one that left me with my mouth open many times! Michael Kramer immigrated from Germany to Australia. He went on to fight for Australia in the Vietnam War. He was underage and altered legal documents in order to do this...This would go on to cause all sorts of issues for him in the future. He goes on to experience crazy levels of bureaucracy - clerks refused him a passport on trivial grounds. He wanted a passport because he needed to return to Vietnam to fulfill a promise he had made to a monk to help rebuild the country he helped to destroy. He had his citizenship documents cancelled, his license revoked and was threatened with jail. It is crazy that a war veteran was treated this way. We love a good underdog story, and as much as I

was horrified at his treatment, I wanted to see a happy resolution. This is a great read. I highly recommend it. It is easy to read and thoroughly enjoyable.

Most any adult in our modern culture knows just how frustrating and difficult red tape and bureaucracy can be, but the events that happened to Michael are almost beyond belief when he and his wife apply for their Austrian passports. We all know what small things can stand in the way of getting what we need, and that is exactly what these Austrian bureaucrats did to Mick. I loved how he was trying to go back to Vietnam and use his engineering skills to improve the country. Luckily, the reasoning skills he had learned as an engineer helped him to overcome being accused of falsifying his citizenship documents. How Mick found humor while fighting a battle against both the government and the onset of PTSD is beyond me, but somehow he did it. While the book is full of technical details, a truly heartwarming story manages to emerge. If you enjoy stories of true veterans, this book is well worth the read.

Autobiography that hit the nail. Great book for those that have an interest in the effects of war on soldiers. Gives a lot of insight into what happens when they come back especially after the Vietnam War. The psychological effects can be and are devastating. The fighting didn't end when he was sent home, continued on with the escalating symptoms of PTSD. Everyday was a struggle but he fought to overcome. His story sheds light on the hatred that many expressed towards Mick and his family when he came back from war and the racism he endured throughout his whole life. Felt like I was right there with him. The details were so well written that I was able to easily envision myself right there with him before, during and after the war. The way the book was written pulled me in and I was able to put myself in his shoes. Only a few things that I didn't particularly like about the book. Such as some of the lengthy conversations, they could have been shortened or not written at all. And the specifics of weaponry and mathematics I found irrelevant. There really didn't seem to be a purpose for any of it.

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