

## Reviews: CIA Super Pilot Spills the Beans by Bill Collier

Thousands of books have been written about the war in Vietnam, but only eight truthful books have been written about the enormously dangerous, CIA no-holds-barred fight in Laos. Captain Bill Collier has written the ninth. From the perspective of an Air America helicopter pilot, Captain Bill writes a well-crafted, informative, colorful and detailed book about his involvement with the CIA's secret war in Laos.

Read this book and you'll know much more about the day to day combat and courage required of those special few who fought the communists in Laos. I was witness to Captain Bill's death-defying effort to rescue an Air Force Raven shot down on the Plain of Jars, when he displayed Medal of Honor guts.

- *Jim Parker (Customer MULE) author of: **The Vietnam War Its Ownself, Codename Mule and The Battle for Skyline Ridge.***
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A balanced, but wild ride from the hilarious to the bone chilling, this book will appeal most to those who have actually led this life of great fun and sexual exploits alternated with moments of life-threatening horror under fire. But other readers definitely should give it a chance, as I did, because it reveals a fascinating world not otherwise familiar to most people. It leads to an understanding of what people under fire actually experience. I thoroughly enjoyed helping with the copy editing and felt the richer for it because I come from a relatively dull academic background. My husband, a former Air America pilot, finds the book to be a true look at the world of those pilots. Captain Collier is an exceptional wordsmith and chooses his modes of expression carefully. The book is an easy read, but that is not a criticism. On the contrary, because the text flows easily from one exciting adventure to the next, it is hard to put the book down.

- *Sylvia C. Davis*
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Exactly as he did in "The Adventures of a Helicopter Pilot," Bill Collier presents a long string of episodes filled with thrills and chills, laughs, and romance in "CIA Super Pilot Spills the Beans." Bill pulls no punches in describing the trials of flying helicopter missions in Laos separated by international travel as a full-scale playboy. He generates outrageous tales related to war and a piece at maximum power. His ability to skip from topic to topic as if conversing at a bar kept me continuously entertained.

- *Hank Zeybel, Lt. Col., USAF (Retired)*