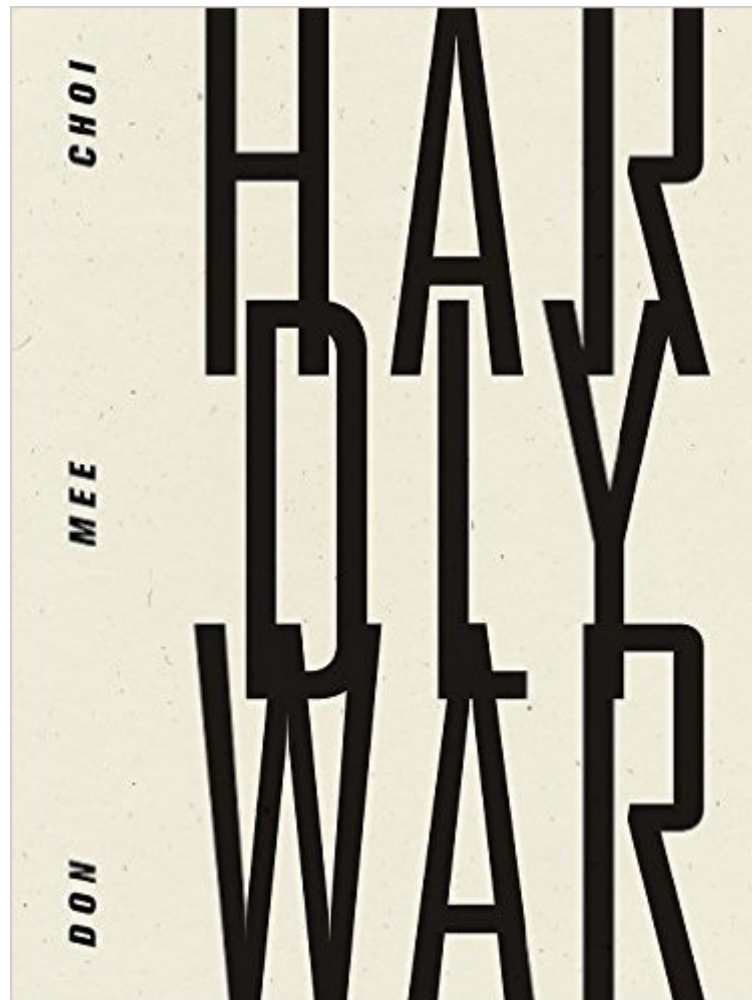


The book was found

Hardly War



Synopsis

Hardly War, Don Mee Choi's major second collection, defies history, national identity, and militarism. Using artifacts from Choi's father, a professional photographer during the Korean and Vietnam wars, she combines memoir, image, and opera to explore her paternal relationship and heritage. Here poetry and geopolitics are inseparable twin sisters, conjoined to the belly of a warring empire. Like fried potato chips – I believe so, utterly so – The hush-hush provingground was utterly proven as history – Hardly=History – I believe so, eerily so – hush hush – Now watch this performance – Bull's-eye – An uncanny human understanding on target – Absolute=History – loaded with terrifying meaning – The Air Force doesn't say, hence Ugly=Narration – Don Mee Choi is the author of *The Morning News Is Exciting* (Action Books, 2010), and translator of contemporary Korean women poets. She has received a Whiting Writers Award and the 2012 Lucien Stryk Translation Prize. Her translation of Kim Hyesoon's *Sorrowtoothpaste Mirrorcream* (Action Books, 2014) was a finalist for the 2015 PEN Poetry in Translation Award. She was born in Seoul and came to the United States via Hong Kong. She now lives in Seattle, Washington.

Book Information

Paperback: 112 pages

Publisher: Wave Books; First Edition edition (April 5, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1940696216

ISBN-13: 978-1940696218

Product Dimensions: 6.7 x 0.7 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars – See all reviews – (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #361,490 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in – Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Themes & Styles > Family #26 in – Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > United States > Asian American #2569 in – Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Ethnic & National

Customer Reviews

The title of Seattle poet Don Mee Choi's second book, *Hardly War*, is a curious combination of words that seems innocuous enough if you're, say, skimming spines on a bookshelf. But if you give it two seconds' thought, those two words obviously belong nowhere near each other. War is

a binary; youâ™re either at war or youâ™re not. There are no small wars, or halfway wars, or hardly wars. If you go to war and a bullet splinters your skull, there is never a moment when you are semi-dead. The lights are on or off; some words have no dimmer switch. Constructed from poems, chunks of prose, sheet music, photographs, collage, and even the script for an (incredibly short) opera, *Hardly War* is unlike anything youâ™ve ever seen. As excellent as Choiâ™s debut poetry collection *The Morning News Is Exciting* was, *Hardly War* has taken an evolutionary leap of a generation or six beyond its predecessor. Choi assembled the book around documents from her fatherâ™s career as a photographer in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Stitched together like this, it could be shuffled from one bookstore section to the next, never quite finding its home: biography, anthropology, theater, history, poetry.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Hardly War Vietnam War: The Vietnam War in 50 Events: From the First Indochina War to the Fall of Saigon (War Books, Vietnam War Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 6)
World War 2 History's 10 Most Incredible Women: World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women)
World War 1: World War I in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Central Powers (War Books, World War 1 Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series)
World War 1: Soldier Stories: The Untold Soldier Stories on the Battlefields of WWI (World War I, WWI, World War One, Great War, First World War, Soldier Stories)
World War 2: World War II in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Axis Powers (War Books, World War 2 Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 4)
World War 2: German Tank Crew Stories: Eyewitness Accounts (German War, WW2, World War II, Soldier Stories, Waffen SS, Last Panther, DDay, Panzer, Hitler Book 1)
America's Captives: Treatment of POWs from the Revolutionary War to the War on Terror (Modern War Studies (Hardcover))
The Vietnam War: Soldier Stories: Untold Tales of Soldiers on the Battlefields of the Vietnam War (Vietnam war, soldier stories, Gunship Pilot, Marine Corp, Vietnam History, Vietnam memoirs)
War and Punishment: The Causes of War Termination and the First World War
ATOMIC WAR! SOVIET AGGRESSION - AMERICAN RESPONSE: 4 CLASSIC COLD WAR COMIC BOOKS FROM THE 1950s plus 3 NUCLEAR BOMB GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS
Wings over Ogaden : The Ethiopian-Somali War, 1978-1979 (Africa@War)
Panzer-Divisions at War 1939-1945 (Images of War)
Warman's World War II Collectibles: Identification and Price Guide (Warman's World War II Collectibles: Identification & Price Guide)
WAR HEROES OF WORLD WAR TWO WRITTEN AS EVENTS UNFOLDED: VOL. 1
4 COMPLETE CLASSIC COMIC BOOKS FROM 1942-1943
The Posters that Won the War: The

Production, Recruitment and War Bond Posters of WWII Zambezi Valley Insurgency: Early Rhodesian Bush War Operations (Africa @ War Series) An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Military Uniforms of the 19th Century: An Expert Guide to the American Civil War, the Boer War, the Wars of German and Italian Unification and the Colonial Wars The Pig War: The Most Perfect War in History The Arikara War: The First Plains Indian War, 1823

[Dmca](#)