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Few historians of the Vietnam War have covered the post-1975 era or engaged comprehensively with refugee politics, humanitarianism, and human rights as defining issues of the period. *After Saigon's Fall* is the first major work to uncover this history. Amanda C. Demmer offers a new account of the post-war normalization of US–Vietnam relations by centering three major transformations of the late twentieth century: the reassertion of the US Congress in American foreign policy; the Indochinese diaspora and changing domestic and international refugee norms; and the intertwining of humanitarianism and the human rights movement. By tracing these domestic, regional, and global phenomena, *After Saigon's Fall* captures the contingencies and contradictions inherent in US–Vietnamese normalization. Using previously untapped archives to recover a riveting narrative with both policy makers and nonstate advocates at its center, Demmer's book also reveals much about US politics and society in the last quarter of the twentieth century.

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## Abbreviations

AHA	Amerasian Homecoming Act
AI	Amnesty International
AIA	Amerasian Immigration Act
AIUSA	Amnesty International USA Branch
ARVN	Army of the Republic of Vietnam
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CCIR	Citizens Commission on Indochinese Refugees
CPA	Comprehensive Plan of Action
DRV	Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam)
FVPPA	Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
HO	Humanitarian Operation
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IRC	International Rescue Committee
NSC	National Security Council
NEZ	New Economic Zone
NGO	nongovernmental organization
ODP	Orderly Departure Program
POW/MIA	prisoner of war / missing in action
ROVR	Resettlement Opportunities for Vietnamese Refugees
RVN	Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
SRV	Socialist Republic of Vietnam
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
WSAG	Washington Special Actions Group

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