



## Run For The Wall: Remembering Vietnam on a Motorcycle Pilgrimage (Paperback)

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Rutgers University Press, United States, 2001. Paperback. Condition: New. New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Every May, for more than a decade, an ever-increasing number of motorcyclists have made the Run for the Wall, a cross-country journey from Southern California to the Wall, the Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C. While the journey's avowed purpose is political - to increase public awareness about those who remain either prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia - It also serves as a healing pilgrimage for its participants and as a welcome home ritual many veterans feel they never received. Run for the Wall is a highly readable ethnographic account of this remarkable American ritual. The authors, themselves motorcyclists as well as Run participants, demonstrate that the event is a form of secular pilgrimage. Here key concepts in American culture - freedom, and brotherhood, for example - are constructed and deployed in a variety of rituals and symbols to enable participants to come to terms with the consequences of the Vietnam War. While the focus is the journey itself, the book also explores other themes related to American culture and history, including the nature of community, the Vietnam...



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