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I never knew a man who had better motives for all the trouble he caused.

The Quiet American
Graham Greene

For about one hundred years—from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century—France ruled <u>Vietnam</u> as a colony.

During the Second World War, however, French soldiers fought elsewhere. Japan, <u>taking advantage</u> of Vietnam's excellent farmland, <u>swept in</u> to seize vast quantities of Vietnamese rice. It is estimated that millions of people died from starvation as a direct result of Japan's actions.

More suffering awaited both the Vietnamese people and the French Foreign Legion <u>after World War II</u> was over. "<u>The First Indochina War</u>," fought between France and Vietnam, would end a century of French colonial ties to Indochina.

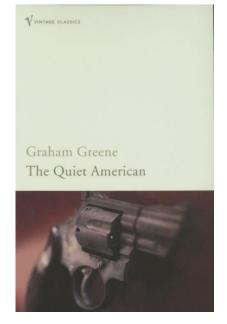
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