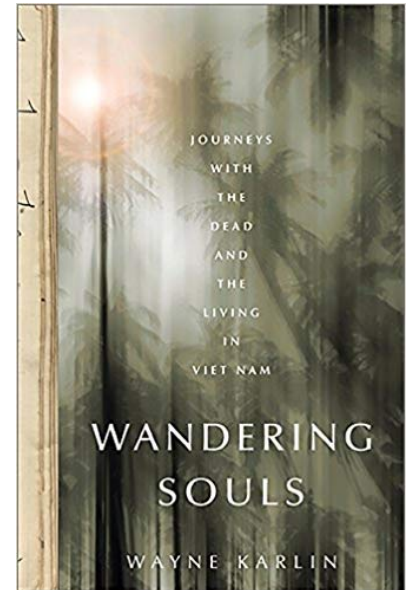


# WANDERING SOULS

## Journeys with the Dead and the Living in Viet Nam

Please join award-winning author Wayne Karlin for a discussion of his novel, which brings to light the grace and courage of a soldier who brought back the soul of the man he killed to that man's family, taking onto himself their own rending grief. It is also the story of the mercy of a family - and an entire village - who took that soldier to their hearts and allowed their gratitude at the ending he brought to their story to outweigh their need to hate him for the death that began it. A powerful portrait of the terrible price of war on soldiers and families, **WANDERING SOULS**

reveals a way to heal by finding one's own humanity mirrored in the lives of people who had once tried to kill each other.



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