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According to baseball and military records—including various accounts and articles—Roy Gleason is the only person to have served in the Vietnam War and played at least one game in the major leagues. For more than 40 years—until a detailed four-year investigation shed light on the situation—why Roy was the only player from his era to be drafted and sent to war was unknown. Until now... *Lost in the Sun* shows Roy's rise from boyhood dreams to high school stardom to major league experience to the battlefields of Vietnam. He was one of the Dodgers' original bonus babies, enjoyed a brief career in film and television, and earned many honors and awards for his service in the United States Army. Was it merely bad luck that sent Roy to war? After being severely wounded in combat, was he able to play again? Roy Gleason's life is an endless list of questions that have gone unanswered until now. *Lost in the Sun* is narrated from Roy's point of view, and it opens with a near-fatal experience he endured in a Vietnamese jungle. Providing a first-hand account, Roy shares tales of how the human mind works when surrounded by death. Throughout each chapter, you will meet the man who was forced to leave potential success on the playing fields of major league baseball for the killing fields of Vietnam. Yet, this humble man recognizes that he was "...only one of thousands who were sent so far away from home, to that place none of us wanted to go and that place where many never left and that place where we were all lost in the sun."

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