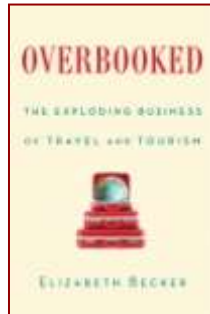




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Elizabeth Becker, an award-winning author and journalist, has covered national and international affairs from the US, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. As a correspondent for *The New York Times*, Becker covered the Pentagon, homeland security, international economics, and agriculture. Prior to joining the *Times*, she was the senior foreign editor at NPR where she directed all foreign coverage and expanded coverage in Asia and Africa. She began her career at *The Washington Post* as a war reporter in Cambodia in 1972. In addition to *OVERBOOKED* (2013), Becker's books include *When the War Was Over* (1986), a history of modern Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge, and *America's Vietnam War* (1992). She has won numerous awards for her work, including those from the Robert Kennedy Book Awards, Overseas Press Club, and DuPont-Columbia and was part of *The New York Times* staff that won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for public service.

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