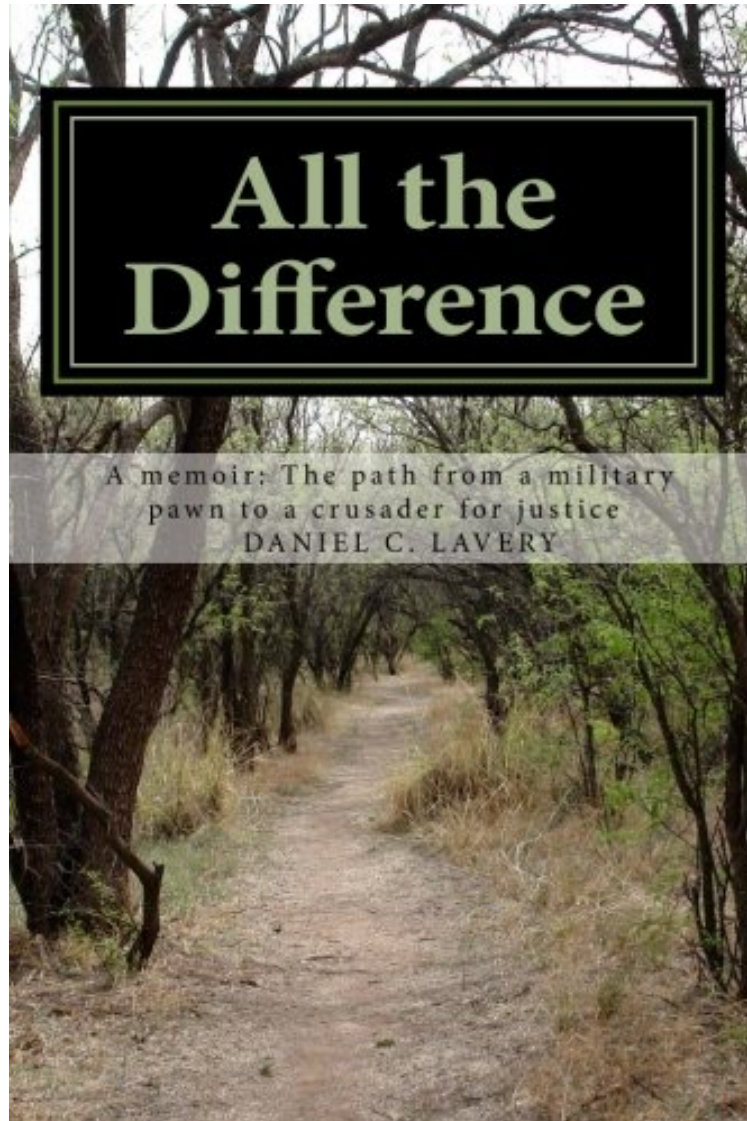


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Daniel C. Lavery : All the Difference before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All the Difference:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. All the Difference by Daniel C. Lavery By robert webster After reading the Kindle Version I ordered the Paperback Form so I could better enjoy the photos and reread for detail. I was a classmate of Dan's for one year (55-56) at Yokohama American High School in Japan. His keen memory of sports activities, interaction with teammates, coaches, and teachers were spot on and realistically transported me back to my Highschool days overseas. Most interesting was his transformation over the years from an aspiring baseball

addict/sports star, history and literature student, military officer, into a UFW/ACLU Lawyer in Los Angeles. His vivid descriptions of his surroundings and adventures around the world held my interest through out the entire book. How did Dan survive his next challenge/adventure and change in life's direction? These are the question he throughly and colorfully answers. Dan does not hold back as he reveals a very personal insight and perception into all his relationships, both family and with others. A great read from many aspects, especially since I knew many of the high school characters mentioned and also grew up in Southern California where Dan was part of Progressive Ideology and Civil rights history. I am looking forward to his next publication.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Long SearchBy Dave Timm"A young man's Odyssey from the heartbreak of a WWII-broken home into lifelong competitive sports - on to a stint the Duke Theology School - through a career as a Naval Flight Officer - into disillusion in 60's and on to success as a Civil Rights Champion in the 70's and on until this day. Though in many ways he was fortunate in life, Dan's is not an "easy read", for it evokes memories of dilemmas, demons and problems faced and the mixed bag of decisions made by the majority of America's youth as we came of age face-to-face with the Vietnam War and its aftermath. Not to give the story away, but: I was on the edge of my seat while reading of the the dramatic life and philosophical changes made by the author during his ultimately successful legal fights on behalf of Cesar Chaves, the UFW and others. My copy of All the Difference is a permanent addition to my library.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A delightful read of the life experience of an alumni ...By Jeanne JohnsonA delightful read of the life experience of an alumni of YoHi school. Have not had the opportunity to meet the author but found it very interesting to read about the viewpoint and experiences of the male military brat compared to my experiences as a female.

All the Difference is a riveting memoir about a conservative naval officer about to navigate marines to Vietnam who had an epiphany of conscience at Berkeley. A judge ordered Dan when five to leave his mother and live with his Dad, a naval officer who molds him for the military. A number of luminous childhood moments reveal that his Mom and Grandmother Ruthie planted seeds in Dan that were bound to sprout later. He began an intense reading campaign determined to find gratifying work that would motivate him for the rest of his life. The book is filled with creative images the writer developed from his love of nature, and powerful experiences, both deadly and humorous. The author places himself in real scenes in all his vulnerability as he faces conflicts, romance, and adventures that challenge his wits, strength, and determination. He finally rejected his fathers plan for his life and found the road less traveled. Inspired to battle for civil rights, Dan becomes an ACLU attorney for Cesar Chavezs farm workers against some of Americas most powerful forces. He shares illuminating experiences involving successes and failures while going from a military pawn to a champion for the poor and powerless, finally able to make a difference in many lives including his own.

About the AuthorMy transformation from a child to an athlete, a Duke pre-ministerial student to an agnostic, a midshipman to a graduate from Annapolis in 1964 shaped my early life. Navigating a Navy jet until carrier qualified, and then a ship to Vietnam. I resigned, attended Hastings College of Law, turned peace activist, and became a civil rights lawyer for Cesar Chavez's UFW and ACLU. Now I am a retired civil rights attorney with thirty-four years of experience and an author of a memoir. My webpage link, www.danielclavery.com, contains memoir excerpts, other writing, poems, short stories, humor, songs, videos, and other media.