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In this touching and humorous essay, John Philip Drury recounts coming of age during the Vietnam Era. With a low draft number and an exit from college looming, Drury faces the imminent possibility of fighting in a war that he opposes. In the meantime, he tries and abandons a dream to become a songwriter, labors mightily to lose his virginity, and looks to the adult world around him for models of what he most wants to be -- an artist. "Heading for a Total Eclipse" takes a look at a young man's attempt to maintain his integrity during a turbulent era, and in the face of impossible choices.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Philip Drury teaches at the University of Cincinnati. He is the author of four full-length poetry collections: *Sea Level Rising* (Able Muse Press, 2015), *The Refugee Camp* (Turning Point Books, 2011), *Burning the Aspern Papers* (Miami University Press, 2003), and *The Disappearing Town* (Miami University Press, 2000). He has also written *The Poetry Dictionary* and *Creating Poetry* (both from *Writer's Digest Books*). His awards include an Ingram Merrill Foundation fellowship, two Ohio Arts Council grants, and the Bernard F. Connors Prize from *The Paris Review*. Another narrative essay, "The House That She Designed," appeared in *The Gettysburg Review* (Summer 2011), and "Interrogator's Guide" is forthcoming in *The Evansville Review*. "Heading for a Total Eclipse" is the opening chapter of a picaresque memoir, *The Bad Soldier*.

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