THE MOUNTAINS SING: A TIMELINE

How the Trầns' story intersects with Vietnamese history

Napoleon III's French troops invade	1858	France officially imposes colonial rule on Việt Nam, Laos,
Grandma Diệu Lan is born	Desire second	and Cambodia
MAY 19, 1941: The Việt Minh is formed in North Việt Nam with the aim to resist occupation	the same	Japan invades and with France jointly rules Việt Nam
Up to two million Vietnamese die during a famine known as the Great Hunger The Trân family suffers from the famine	1942	Grandma Diệu Lan's father faces Japanese troops
		AUGUST 19, 1945: The Việt Minh seizes power SEPTEMBER 2, 1945: President Hồ Chí Minh declares Việt Nam's independence
MAY 8, 1950: The US increases military assistance to France	1950	
MAY 7, 1954: The Việt Minh defeat the French troops at the battle of Điện Biên Phủ JULY 21, 1954: The Geneva Accords divide Việt Nam into North and South		North Việt Nam implements the Land Reform campaign
OCTOBER 1955: Ngô Đình Diệm defeats former emperor Bảo Đại and becomes president of South Việt Nam	1954 1955	The Land Reform hits the Trần family's village
		AUGUST 18, 1956: North Việt Nam officially admits mistakes were made during the Land Reform
DECEMBER 20, 1960: The Việt Cộng National Liberation Front is formed in South Việt Nam	1960	Hương is born
AUGUST 1964: The US alleges that North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats attacked US warships in the Gulf of Tonkin US Congress passes a resolution authorizing President Johnson to retaliate and maintain security	1964	
FEBRUARY 13, 1965: President Johnson approves Operation Rolling Thunder, a bombing campaign that lasts until 1968		MARCH 8, 1965: The first US combat troops to enter Việt Nam land on beaches near Đà Nẵng
JANUARY 30, 1968: On the Vietnamese New Year's Eve, North Việt Nam launches the Tết Offensive by staging massive surprise attacks		Hương's father, uncle Đạt, and uncle Thuận join the North Vietnamese Army and head to the South
Hương's mother leaves for the battlefield to search for Hương's father		DECEMBER 18, 1972: President Nixon announces the start of Operation Linebacker II, also known as the Christmas bombings
JANUARY 27, 1973: The Paris Peace Accords are signed MARCH 29, 1973: The last US combat troops leave	1973	To the state of the party and a state of the p
JUNE 1979: The Trầns unite with a missing member of their family	Manager Property (III)	APRIL 30, 1975: The Việt Nam War ends MOUNTAINS SING
The Trâns' story continues with Hương committing it to paper	2012	A NOVEL

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