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Synopsis

Two feuding families vie for control of a mysterious treasure said to lie beneath the land, while a former soldier wanders the village, driven by fractured memories, and unfulfilled desires. Time folds in on itself, and reality blurs with hallucination, as spirits, doppelgängers, and collective guilt haunt the living.

Like a fragmented but lyrical nightmare, Nguyễn Bình Phương evokes the disorientation of a society grappling with the aftershocks of war, repression, and silence. The title speaks to a generation whose youth was lost before it began—children who age prematurely under the weight of unspoken histories.

Biographies

NGUYỄN BÌNH PHƯƠNG, born in the northern mountain of Thái Nguyên, is a prominent novelist and poet, whose writing is a blend of magical realism exploring themes of memory, identity, and post-war trauma, having served in the military himself. In recognition of his literary achievements, he received the Vietnam Writers' Association Award in 2021 and the Southeast Asian Writers Award (S.E.A. Write Award) in 2022.

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