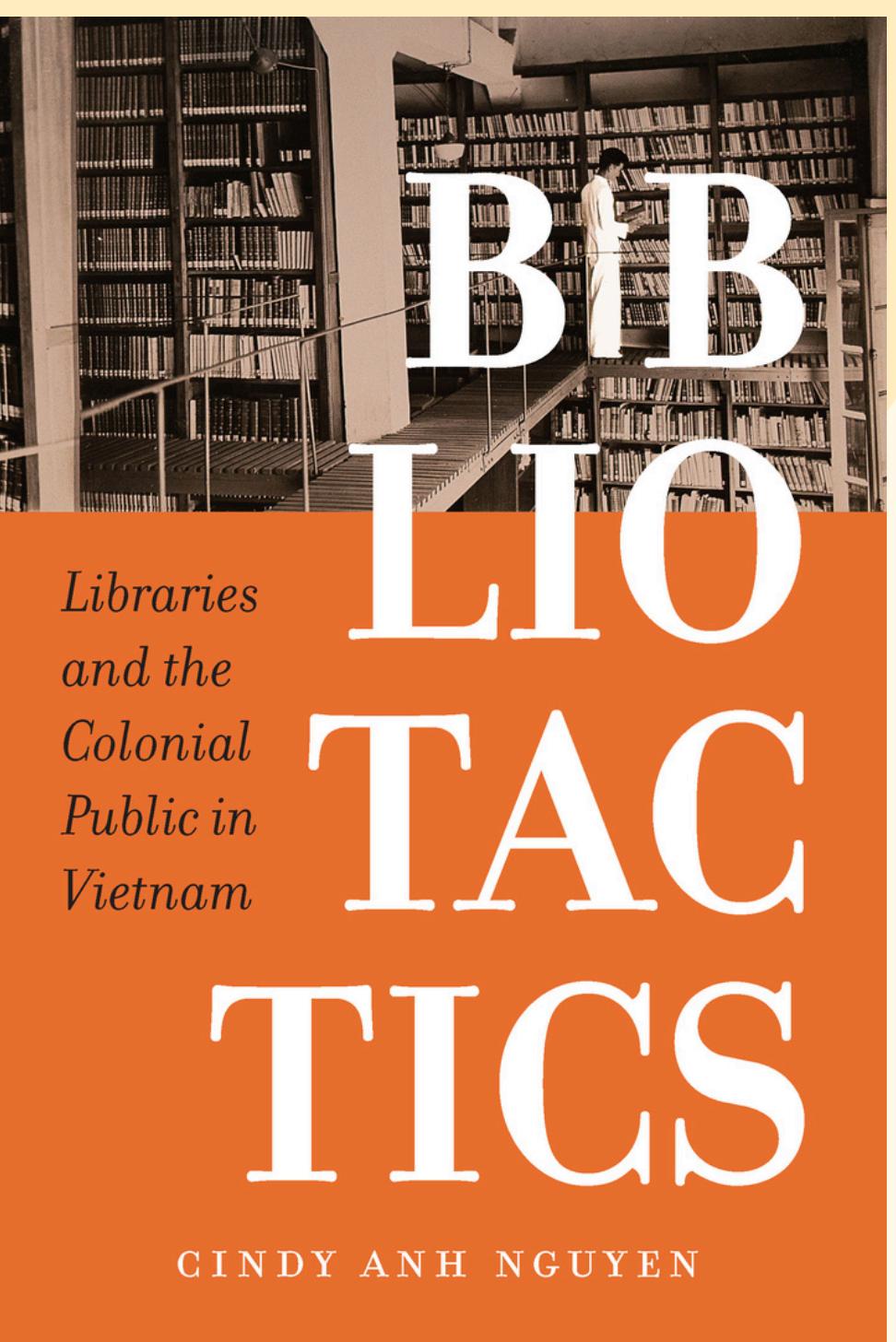


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alternative reading guide



INTRODUCTION: Colonial Publics – Unequal, Contending, Plural

Just read this chapter. *Bibliotactics* as theory and method. Dialog with colonial studies, Southeast Asian Studies, and Library and Information history. A takedown of Habermas

CH 1: Colonial Studies Meets Book History

Why were libraries and archives created in Vietnam? **Colonial information order**, bureaucracy and documentation, the competing world of letters between French, Sinitic, Nôm, Quốc Ngữ

CH 2: Social Life of Library Reading

Who was reading, what were they reading, how were they reading? Dramas in public space, reading against library statistics and surveillance, **public reading culture**

CH 3: Politics and Technologies of Library Circulation

Why did the colonial state care about what Vietnamese read? **Cultural propaganda**, international library sciences, book vehicles, provincial reading

CH 4: Grassroots Reading Culture

Beyond Hanoi and Saigon state libraries? Aesthetics of reading culture, women's community libraries, Hue literary life, vernacular print culture, gender and morality, **Vietnamese language nationalism**

CH 5: Decolonization as Process

What happens to library infrastructures across periods of decolonization and war? Infrastructure, Cold War intellectual imperialism, **reassemblage** through libraries in postwar states

Epilogue: The chapter that was supposed to be the sequel book

Why does this book end in 1958 (and not 1945 or 1954)? Socialist information order, republicanism, postcolonial nation building through libraries, cultural patrimony