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Chapter:2&3 Love and Spin

**The Things They Carried** Reading Guide

Why do you think chapter 2 is titled “Love”? How would you define Love and based off of Lt. Cross’s actions do you think what he is feeling is in fact love? Why or why not?

On page 31 O’Brien likens the Vietnam War to a ping pong ball talking about the way an individual could put a fancy spin on it, that they could really make it dance. After reading the rest of the chapter how do the men of alpha company put their own “Spin” on the war?

Even though this piece can be classified as a war story, what are some of the memories or stories included by the author that have nothing to do with the fact that the men are at war (the peace stories)?