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AUTHOR TIM TRAN PENS *AMERICAN DREAMER* MEMOIR

From the rural Vietnam of Tim Tran's childhood to his eventual escape to America and his rise as CFO of a multi-billion-dollar company, Tran's memoir is a lesson in perseverance and ingenuity.

(Portland, Oregon, February 3, 2020) What would you do if a regime change in government forces you to abandon the goals you've achieved, hide who you are to survive, and do your best to find sanctuary elsewhere?

AMERICAN DREAMER: HOW I ESCAPED COMMUNIST VIETNAM AND BUILT A SUCCESSFUL LIFE IN AMERICA (Pacific University Press, June 20, 2020, ISBN: 978-1-945398-02-5, \$18.99, www.timtranamericandreamer.com) tells the story of Tim Tran (born Tran Manh Khiem) and his inspiring 10,000-mile hero's journey.

After he initially left Vietnam in 1970 to attend American universities on a USAID scholarship, Tran's sense of commitment led him home shortly before the fall of Saigon in 1975. Suspected of being a CIA agent, he found life under Communism increasingly difficult and dangerous, and was forced to flee. During multiple attempts to escape, he encountered deceit, betrayal, and even murder. Finally, in 1979 Tran and his wife, Cathy, escaped with 350 others in a rickety, overcrowded boat, and faced pirate attacks and months in a Malaysian refugee camp before reaching the land of opportunity and their new home in Oregon.

“How do you spell the word ‘*opportunity*’? I prefer to spell it with three letters: ‘*U.S.A.*’” says Tran.

Indeed, *American Dreamer*, written with passion, unflinching candor, and wit, is an extraordinary debut that confirms the American dream is alive and gives hope to anyone willing to work for a better life.

“Oregon history is rich with stories of courageous individuals who overcame tremendous odds. Few stories are more compelling and inspirational, however, than that of Tim Tran. In *American Dreamer*, Tim shares the remarkable journey that

brought him from communist Vietnam to personal and professional success in Oregon. It should be required reading for anyone who doubts that the American dream is alive and well." --Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society

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About the Author: Through his vision, ability and hard work, Tim rose to the position of Chief Financial Officer at Johnstone Supply in Portland, Oregon. After retiring in 2003, he taught business courses at the college level for twelve years and was honored as 2004 Faculty of the Year by students at the University of Phoenix. Many articles have been written about Tim, including a feature in CFO Magazine.

Today, he is a business consultant and a trustee of Pacific University. As a way of giving back to his adopted country, Tim and his wife Cathy established an endowment to fund operations for the Pacific University Library, and the library, built in 2005, was renamed the Tim and Cathy Tran Library in their honor.

About the Book: *American Dreamer* is an inspirational, first-hand account of the motivating power of an immigrant's dream for a better life. In the book, the author highlights the hope America represented for him throughout his life, from gaining an education to ultimately achieving democratic freedom.

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