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My Two Chinas

The Memoir of a Chinese Counterrevolutionary

Baiqiao Tang with Damon DiMarco

At this moment, people in China are being imprisoned and tortured by their own government. These people are not hardened criminals, murderers, thieves, or terrorists. They've done nothing wrong. They are student leaders, journalists, bloggers, human rights activists, and monks whose only "crime" is that they want democracy. They want their voices to be heard in a nation they've helped to build.

My Two Chinas is the memoir of one such political prisoner. Baiqiao Tang is one of China's most influential modern dissidents. Tang's name became legendary during the time of the Tiananmen Square massacre. Over the past 21 years, he has remained on the front lines of the Chinese pro-democracy movement, where he has vowed to keep fighting until the dream of a free China is realized.

In 1989, Tang was a student leader organizing pro-democracy demonstrations in Hunan province. On June 4 of that year, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) quashed the movement Tang helped to lead in the now infamous Tiananmen Square massacre. During the nationwide crackdown that ensued against "counterrevolutionaries," the CCP issued a warrant for Tang's arrest. Tang recalls in detail his shock upon seeing his face plastered on a "wanted" poster at a train station. He attempted to flee to Macau but was captured before he could cross the border. In prison, Tang witnessed and endured medieval tortures that no human should ever experience. Eventually, he escaped to America with help from the United States government.

Now living in exile in New York City, Baiqiao Tang has become a living legend among the millions of people worldwide who fight for a free and open society. China's recent, stratospheric rise to prominence on the world stage has brought its government under increased pressure to account for its notorious human rights atrocities inflicted on its own people.

This unique, timely, suspenseful, and ultimately inspiring memoir will resonate with people from all walks of life and from all backgrounds who care about human rights and the future of free society.

Baiqiao Tang (New York, NY) is the chair of the China Peace and Democracy Federation and the author of *Anthem of Defeat* (Human Rights Watch, 1992) and numerous articles in such publications as Columbia University's *Journal of the School of International and Public Affairs*, *The Secret China*, *Liberty Times*, *Open* magazine, and the *Epoch Times*. He has also been a special commentator for Radio Free Asia, New Dynasty TV, and other programs. He is frequently interviewed by national and international media, including ABC, NBC, the BBC, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, and other media outlets.

Damon DiMarco (New York, NY) is the author of *Tower Stories: An Oral History of 9/11*, with a foreword by 9/11 Commission Chairman Thomas H. Kean, and *Shock and Awe: Soldiers' Voices from the Front Lines in Iraq*. He is the coauthor with Roy Simmons of *Out of Bounds: Coming Out of Sexual Abuse, Addiction, and My Life of Lies in the NFL Closet*. Mr. DiMarco is also an actor. He has written two books on acting, and has taught the subject at colleges, trade schools, and in private sessions.

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