Under the Naga Tail Hits The Wall Street Journal Best Seller List

February 17th, 2023 (Austin, TX): Under the Naga Tail (Greenleaf Book Group Press) by Mae Bunseng Taing and James Taing debuted as #5 on the Wall Street Journal hardcover Nonfiction bestseller list this week. In Under the Naga Tail: A True Story of Survival, Bravery, and Escape from the Cambodian Genocide, Mae Bunseng Taing and Mae's son, James, write a gripping and inspiring memoir that is a testament to the human spirit's capacity in us all to endure and prevail in spite of great adversity.

Forced from his home by the Khmer Rouge, teenager Mae Taing struggles to endure years of backbreaking work, constant starvation, and ruthless cruelty from his captors--supposed freedom fighters who turned against their own people. Mae risks torture and death to escape into the dark tropical jungles, trekking across a relentless wilderness crawling with soldiers. Under the Naga Tail will find its place among the most epic true stories of personal triumph.

Mae Bunseng Taing is a survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide in Cambodia. His story and that of his family inspired the documentary Ghost Mountain, released in 2019 and directed by his son, James, and Virginia Dean. Mae Bunseng lives in Connecticut with his wife, where they raised their children and where he has run a full-time home painting business for more than thirty years. This is his first book. James Taing is the son of Mae Bunseng. Over a decade ago, he began interviewing refugees before codirecting the HAAPI Film Festival award-winning documentary Ghost Mountain. He is the founder of the Preah Vihear Foundation, a nonprofit that advocates for preserving the history of refugee rescue in Cambodia and the greater French Indochina region in the 1970s. He also works in risk and finance in the metro New York area.

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