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## **'DOUBLE HAPPINESS' WINS AT PARIS BOOK FESTIVAL**

*Tony Brasunas's debut book has been named  
Best Memoir at the International Paris Book Festival*

Alameda, Calif. – Tony Brasunas's debut book, the memoir *Double Happiness: One Man's Tale of Love, Loss, and Wonder on the Long Roads of China* (Torchpost, 2013), was named the winner in the Biography/Autobiography category, beating out hundreds of competing titles.

Brasunas and the festival's other winners, as well as runners up and honorable mentions, will be honored first on May 17 at an awards ceremony at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, and then at an awards gala in Paris, France on May 27th. Brasunas will attend the ceremony in San Francisco.

"I'm humbled and honored to be named winner in a category with so many excellent authors' books," said Brasunas.

*Double Happiness* combines exquisite travel writing with a groundbreaking story of coming of age in the era of globalization. The book opens as Brasunas, who had never left the United States nor taught a class on anything, arrives in hot, coastal Guangzhou, China, armed only with a beginner's grasp of the local language. He is thrown in front of thirty-seven curious, awestruck ninth graders. When the school year ends, a harder and sweeter journey begins. With just a backpack, he sets off alone across the vast nation, along the Silk Road in the north, and to the edge of ancient Tibet in the west, and a fascinating spiritual journey unfolds.

Tony Brasunas grew up on a commune in West Virginia and now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. His blog is <http://www.DoubleHappy.be>.

The book is available in hardcover, paperback, and in all e-book formats. Find it at Amazon.com and at other online retailers, as well as at many fine bookstores, and at <http://www.torchpost.com>.

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