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Hope Empowered Announces the Release of *Empowered by Hope*

Beverly, Mass. - September 25, 2010 - Hope Empowered Announces the release of *Empowered by Hope*, The tales of the Vietnamese Boat People an ordinary young lady is given a life-altering situation that takes her from midlife crisis to epiphany.

"Ha's captivating story of her life in Viet Nam, escape from an oppressive regime and her struggle and triumph in her new country. Beautifully told, with her father's inspiring philosophy woven throughout, this book will keep you laughing and crying, but most of all, it will leave you inspired!" Tom Antion, author of *The Ultimate Guide to Electronic Marketing for Small Business*.

A. Drayton Boylston, founder, Rescue Institute, author of *Coming Unscrooged! A Contemporary Classic of Corporate Rescue and Redemption*, shares "*Empowered by Hope*—indeed! We can all learn valuable lessons from Ha's journey. She embodies true hope and has risen like a phoenix to exemplify what is great about this country. Only in America could a 'boat person' rise from nothing to a position of helping others navigate the waters of their lives. Yet, it is about so much more than just a land of opportunity... Inspired by the unbelievable love that her father demonstrated (how many of us would sacrifice a future with our children so selflessly?!) she has taken the wisdom passed on to her and used it to help others. Yes, hope is indeed alive and well!"

About the Author

Up to the age of twenty, Ha Tran led a privileged life in Viet Nam, until the Communist regime took power. Her world was never the same again. Her father's great love for her and his imperative to Ha to "Live your life until you take your last breath" were the driving force behind her story of intrigue, struggle, survival, and finally, triumph, as one of the Vietnamese "Boat People" who found their way to the United States in search of freedom and a better life. Today, Ha lives with her husband in Beverly, MA and is a successful businesswoman and inspirational speaker. She speaks, teaches, and lectures around the country.

I always entertain great hopes. – Robert Frost