

Coming SOON to AMAZON (watch this site for further details!):

*I have had the great privilege over the past few years of working with Mr Victor Huang, father of my student Katrina Huang, to chronicle the story of his family's escape from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon and their subsequent fate.*

## FOREWORD TO VICTOR HUWANG'S MEMOIR

Almost 50 years have passed since the Fall of Saigon and the plight of the thousands of boat people who sought to escape the new communist regime. Many lives were lost in the dangerous exodus, and our memories of the upheaval may have faded, but those who survived that critical flight live among us today. Victor Huwang is one of those people.

A modern-day cross between Tom Sawyer and Robinson Crusoe, Mr. Huwang recounts his time as a child during those tumultuous and often frightening times. Now a successful businessman in the New York area, he relates with poignancy and clarity the challenges faced by his family as they endured the perils of an uncertain sea escape, followed by an incredible two-year stint creating a working community from scratch on a deserted island with 300 other displaced souls.

This is his story, a child's excited and wondrous memories told from the perspective of a man who understands now the complex emotions and concerns of the older members of his group--the story of marauding pirates, unsympathetic marine officials, and the host of natural hazards from crocodiles to wild boars to poisonous fish that greeted them in their new home during their lengthy and uncertain wait for rescue.

Welcome to Victor's Desert Island Home.

