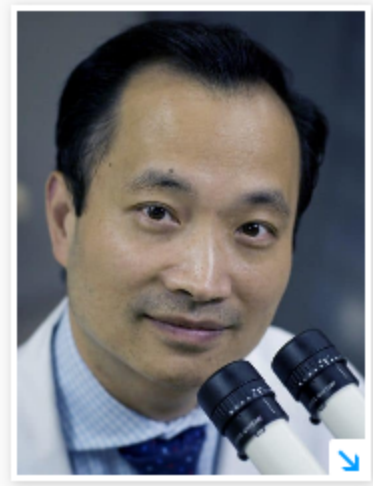


Ming Wang recounts improbable journey in autobiography

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As befitting a world-class eye surgeon, Ming Wang has written many textbooks and articles, but his latest book is more personal.

Wang, who earlier this year was named Nashvillian of the year by Kiwanis Club International, is has released his autobiography "From Darkness to Sight."

The book recounts Wang's improbable journey from impoverished China to the highest reaches of American academia and to his extensive work to

save and restore sight.

"It is a story of turning fear, poverty, persecution and prejudice into healing and love for others," Wang said. "It has been an amazing three-year journey to write this book, an experience that is totally different from that of the other eight of my ophthalmic textbooks."

Wang found himself on the wrong end of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. At 14, he was threatened with deportation and the prospect of hard labor. He made it to the United States in 1982 with only \$50 in his pocket. He would go on to graduate from Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He has operated a Nashville laser vision center since 2002 and has performed more than 55,000 procedures, including more than 4,000 on fellow doctors. Through his extensive philanthropy at his own Wang Foundation, Wang has conducted many eye surgeries free of charge, treating patients from more than 55 countries.

Proceeds from the book will benefit the foundation.

Wang said the book was intended to address three key questions: how does hope survive during some of life's most difficult journeys; how does one maintain faith in God when prayers seem to go unanswered; and how can love help a person balance the demands of family and career.





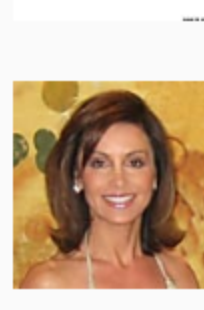
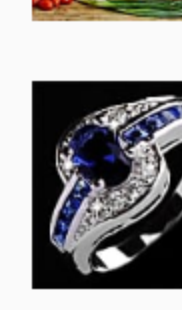
"If this autobiography inspires you to appreciate more what you have today, and to plant even the smallest kernel of hope in your life when it seems that all hopes have been dashed," Wang said, "then the efforts that were put into the writing of this book will be all worth it."

Where to find the book



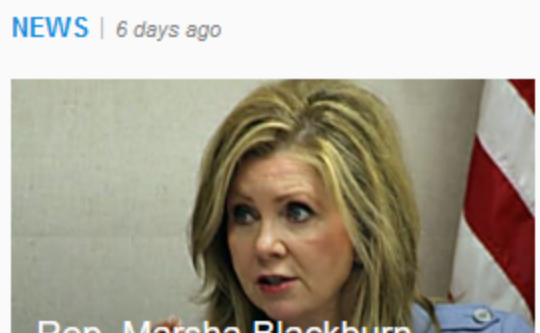
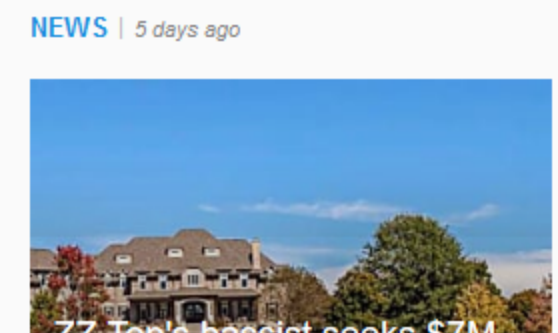
"From Darkness to Sight" is available locally at B&N, Parnassus and Logos, as well as most bookstores, Amazon and other e-commerce sites.

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