



Young-Bok Yoo, 2011

TEARS OF BLOOD A Korean POW's Fight for Freedom, Family, and Justice

On August 30, 2000, a commercial passenger jet arriving from China touched down at Gimpo International Airport in South Korea. There was nothing unusual about the plane or about the flight. What was miraculous was the seventy-year-old gentleman who walked down the ramp into the waiting arms of his family. That traveler was Mr. Young-Bok Yoo, and this was the end of his fifty-year journey through the darkness of hell into the daylight of freedom.

Mr. Yoo was among 60,000 POWs who were never released by North Korea at the end of the Korean War. Unlike most of the others, he survived and he escaped. Today he fights for the repatriation of his fellow POWs who remain behind.

Paul T. Kim's translation brings Mr. Yoo's saga to Western readers for the first time. More than a Korean story, it is an inspirational tale of the survival of the human spirit in the face of overwhelming sorrow and injustice.

All proceeds from the sale of the book go to benefit the Family Union of Korean POWs Detained in North Korea (<http://www.kpow.or.kr/>).

Advance Praise for TEARS OF BLOOD

"In this excellent, clear and highly readable translation we learn the moving story of Young-Bok Yoo, whose life exemplifies the tragedies and divisions of Korea during and after the Korean War."

— **Bruce Cumings**, Chairman of the History Department at the University of Chicago, and the author of *Korea's Place in the Sun*.

"Required reading for those who care about history . . . about human rights, and about the almost unbelievable power of the human being to survive with dignity even under intolerable conditions."

— **Shirley Clay Scott**, former Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Hunter College.

