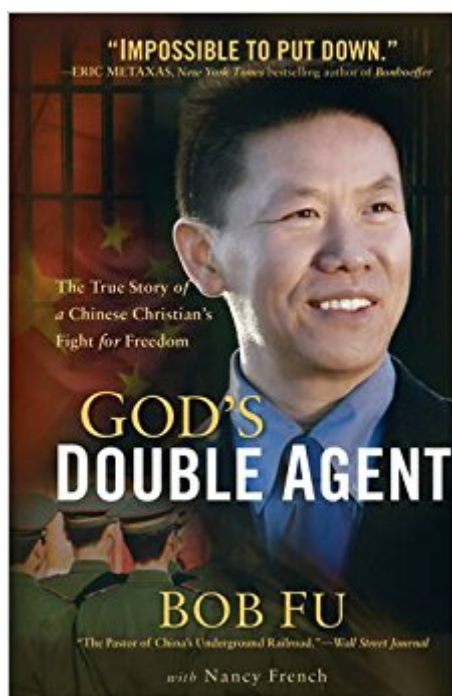


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# God's Double Agent: The True Story Of A Chinese Christian's Fight For Freedom



## Synopsis

Tens of millions of Christians live in China today, many of them leading double lives or in hiding from a government that relentlessly persecutes them. Bob Fu, whom the Wall Street Journal called "The pastor of China's underground railroad," is fighting to protect his fellow believers from persecution, imprisonment, and even death. *God's Double Agent* is his fascinating and riveting story. Bob Fu is indeed God's double agent. By day Fu worked as a full-time lecturer in a communist school; by night he pastored a house church and led an underground Bible school. This can't-put-it-down book chronicles Fu's conversion to Christianity, his arrest and imprisonment for starting an illegal house church, his harrowing escape, and his subsequent rise to prominence in the United States as an advocate for his brethren. *God's Double Agent* will inspire readers even as it challenges them to boldly proclaim and live out their faith in a world that is at times indifferent, and at other times murderously hostile, to those who spread the gospel.

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## Customer Reviews

Bob Fu may not be a household name, but he's often the man behind the headline-making stories of Chinese dissidents leaving the mainland. Most recently, he lobbied the U.S. and other Western governments to assist blind-activist Chen Guangcheng, who, in a harrowing tale, managed to escape house arrest and elude Chinese authorities before seeking refuge in the U.S. embassy in Beijing. Fu, like the dissidents he helped, fled mainland China nearly 20 years ago. This book recounts his own harrowing tale of persecution for, among other things, leading a group of

fellow university students to join the protests in Tiananmen Square and, after embracing Christianity, attending an underground church. After settling in the U.S., Fu started ChinaAid, an organization that provides legal assistance and support to pastors, political dissidents, and couples resisting China's one-child policy. Not simply an inspiring tale of someone with the courage to risk everything for his beliefs, this book is a reminder that religious persecution not only persists in the world today but is at times a matter of state policy. --Christopher McConnell --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

God's people are hiding in plain sightTens of millions of Christians live in China today, leading double lives to hide from a government that relentlessly persecutes them.By day, Bob Fu was a teacher in a communist school; by night, he was a preacher in an underground house church network. This edge-of-your-seat book tells the true story of Fu's conversion to Christianity, his arrest and imprisonment for starting an illegal house church, his harrowing escape, and his subsequent rise to prominence in the United States as an advocate for his oppressed brethren. God's Double Agent will inspire you to boldly proclaim and live out your faith in a world that is at times indifferent, and at other times murderously hostile, to those who spread the gospel. Bob Fu is a former dissident and pastor of an illegal underground church in China. He and his wife, Heidi, escaped prison and fled to the United States as religious refugees in 1997. He currently runs ChinaAid (ChinaAid.org), a nonprofit organization that tirelessly advocates for the underground church in China and for political dissidents, as well as for the lawyers and activists who place their lives on the line to defend them. Bob is a distinguished professor of religion and public policy at Midwest University and a research PhD candidate at Durham University, UK. In addition to being the China analyst for Voice of the Martyrs, Bob is editor-in-chief of Chinese Law and Religion Monitor and guest editor for Chinese Law and Government, a journal of UCLA. He received the 2007 John Leland Religious Liberty Award from the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC). In 2012, Midwest University awarded Bob the Honorary Doctorate Degree on Global Leadership. He currently lives with his wife and their three children in Midland, Texas. Nancy French is a two-time New York Times bestselling author. Her books include Home and Away (with David French), Not Afraid of Life (with Bristol Palin), A Winning Balance (with Shawn Johnson), and Red State of Mind. She lives in Tennessee. For more information, visit NancyFrench.com.

Bob Fu wanted to help his desperately poor family and village and was a top student. He became a student leader in college, desiring for a career to make money for his family. He saw corruption

everywhere and then worked for Tiananmen Square protests. He was devastated with the results. When under "college house" arrest and not wanting to live, he was given the book about Xi Zizhi, who had tried every philosophy and religion and finally turned to Jesus. Reading that book was the turning point for Bob Fu as he saw Truth, and he became a changed man, wanting to live, willing to have nothing and take on a "double identity" in order to share his faith. He taught classes for communist leaders in the day while he shared his faith at night. The government was threatened by his faith and he ended up in prison. He and his family escaped. But his story doesn't end there as even now in 2013, he is dedicated to help others who are tortured and imprisoned in China. Much goes on behind closed doors that seem like a horror movie but are real even today. This book stirred my heart and opened my eyes in a huge way.

My husband and I had a hard time setting this book down. The life journey story is compelling, the faith is inspirational and the love for the people of China is clear. The persecuted church has so much to teach us. I was particularly struck by the teaching of the elderly pastor who taught the couple, "If you want to be a faithful minister and follower of Jesus in China, you should learn prison theology....In prison you find out more about God and His faithfulness than anywhere else. Jail is where God prepares His church in China."

Bob Fu, Chinese, born during the "Great Leap Forward" by Mao, tells the incredible story of his life, from begging for food, to graduation from college and law school. He attended the Tienemin Square student uprising as a young college student, protesting the rights of teachers and students. But his spiritual life is the true story. Having never heard of God or Jesus, he is given a book which transforms his life as he accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He is totally changed and becomes an evangelist at great risk. After being imprisoned for his beliefs, he marries Heidi, his sweetheart. When she becomes pregnant without permission from the government, they realize they must flee for their lives or the government would force an abortion. Their escape is a miracle in itself. Many miracles, and answers to prayer guide them first to Thailand, then Hong Kong where their child is born. Bob is today living with his family in Midland, Texas where he heads CHINA AID, a non-profit organization which works in China rescuing and providing legal representation for Christians of all ages and walks of life whose lives are in danger. He met personally with President George Bush, who has supported his efforts. This book is almost impossible to put down and a perfect read for a book club.

A page turner -- that has the benefit of being true. Bob Fu (the only thing flippant about his life is how he got the name, "Bob") packs more adventure into his one life than whole towns full of people experience. Had he written this as a fiction writer it would have seemed implausible because there are too many twists and turns in his life to all have happened to one person. But they are honestly all part of his personal experience. The daring and the escapes from the Communist Chinese government are as unlikely as Israel winning its several wars. Yet, like Israel, these things all really happened. I met Bob at a conference and, while he was humble and friendly and certainly didn't put on airs, I felt very small in his presence because I knew I was in the presence of greatness. Read this book and relive with him the unmitigated tragedies of China's cultural revolution, heart-pounding escapes and the weight of responsibility he took on once safely in the United States for those left behind in China.

Met Bob Fu last year and had hoped to learn more of his story. The courage of this man is inspiring, but the courage came from his faith in God. When he prayed, he was audacious enough to expect an answer. Shouldn't we all. The belief that God places leaders in their position requires great faith, and how he dealt with world leaders was insightful and a good role model for Christians and non-Christian. Courage doesn't need a label, but Bob Fu's faith transcends the need to have anything but Biblical faith.

This is one of the best books I have read recently. You know, we were blessed with being born in the land of the free--the land of milk and honey--where we determine our own destiny--and yet there is an element among us who complain about everything. It is not fair that there are rich AND poor in America. It is evil to be a Christian. Some want more--a guaranteed wage, free housing--even the young and healthy do not want to work but want to live off the state--free contraception, etc. But our freedoms are the most cherished things we have. This book shows us life in a country where there are no freedoms--the state allows you to live, end of story. These people have to get permission to have a baby and then only one. If you do not follow this, you get a FORCED abortion. Here is a man who loved the Lord so much he was willing to risk his life on a daily basis to share the good news with others. When his wife became pregnant, they risked their lives to escape to freedom. This man's story really made me think. I mourn for a whole country who lives in tyranny and pray for them daily. They are truly the land of the brave to just get up and face each day and live their lives of struggle--real struggle.

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