

**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

**EDITORS:** For review copies or interview requests, contact:

Marketing Services

Tel: 888-519-5121

Fax: 812-961-3133

Email: [pressreleases\(at\)authorhouse\(dot\)com](mailto:pressreleases@authorhouse.com)

(When requesting a review copy, please provide a street address.)

authorHOUSE®

## **‘Blades of Grass’ chronicles life of British adventurer George Hogg**

*Mark Aylwin Thomas tells his uncle’s story in new biography*

KIRKKONUMMI, Finland – “[Blades of Grass: The Story of George Aylwin Hogg](#)” (published by [AuthorHouse UK](#)) chronicles the life of British adventurer [George Hogg](#), who became [a hero in China](#) for saving 60 orphaned boys he taught by taking them to the remote confines of Northwestern China in Shandan during the Sino-Japanese War.

In addition to covering Hogg’s personal adventures, author [Mark Aylwin Thomas](#) draws from Hogg’s written accounts to offer insights into everyday life in China before the Chinese Communist Revolution.

Thomas, Hogg’s nephew, shares the same middle name as his uncle, whom Thomas became fascinated with after attending a 1988 memorial event in China. Since then he has acted in the role of his uncle in a six-part miniseries for Chinese television, and he has been the guardian of his uncle’s papers and legacy.

An excerpt from “Blades of Grass”:

[Marshall of the guerrilla [Eighth Route Army](#)] Zhu De urged him on ... by encouraging him in the idea to find Rewi Alley, whose centre of operations was now based in Baoji, west of Xi’an, and asked him to write about all he saw, honestly and clearly, to tell the world what was going on inside China.

“Blades of Grass”

By Mark Aylwin Thomas

Hardcover | 6 x 9 in | 502 pages | ISBN 9781524676971

Softcover | 6 x 9 in | 502 pages | ISBN 9781524676964

E-Book | 502 pages | ISBN 9781524676988

Available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble

### **About the Author**

Mark Aylwin Thomas, who was born a few months after George Hogg’s death, was raised in England and has lived in Finland since 1974. “Blades of Grass” is his first book.

**AuthorHouse**, an Author Solutions, Inc. self-publishing imprint, is a leading provider of book publishing, marketing, and bookselling services for authors around the globe and offers the industry’s only suite of Hollywood book-to-film services. Committed to providing the highest level of customer service, AuthorHouse assigns each author personal publishing and marketing consultants who provide guidance throughout the process. Headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, AuthorHouse celebrated 15 years of service to authors in Sept. 2011. For more information or to publish a book visit [authorhouse.com](http://authorhouse.com) or call 0800 1974150. For the latest, follow [@AuthorHouseUK](https://twitter.com/AuthorHouseUK) on Twitter.

###

Your Web-Optimized Edition Press Release service helps to increase your press release's visibility on the internet. Keywords within your press release will be linked to high-profile websites and/or to websites where your book can be purchased.

Your final media tracking report will be available to you one month from your date of distribution.

**Keyword 1.** Blades of Grass: The Story of George Aylwin Hogg

**Link:** <https://www.amazon.com/Blades-Grass-Story-George-Aylwin-ebook/dp/B01N5V446Z>

**Keyword 2.** Mark Aylwin Thomas

**Link:** <http://www.georgeaylwinhogg.com/>

**Keyword 3.** A hero in China

**Link:** <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0889588/>

**Keyword 4.** George Hogg

**Link:** [http://www.harpenden-history.org.uk/page\\_id\\_295.aspx](http://www.harpenden-history.org.uk/page_id_295.aspx)

**Keyword 5.** Eighth Route Army

**Link:** <https://www.quora.com/Do-people-in-mainland-China-still-think-the-8th-Route-Army-Red-Army-was-the-primary-force-against-the-Japanese-during-WWII-while-the-KMT-stood-on-the-sideline>