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## Running Beagle Acquires Worldwide Motion Picture and TV Rights for Inspirational Novel *The Pearls of the Stone Man*

MEDIA RELEASE (January 20, 2012): Producer Tomoko Fushimi, of Running Beagle, LLC, acquired worldwide motion picture and television rights to author Edward Mooney Jr.'s novel, *The Pearls of the Stone Man* (Sourcebooks Landmark, March 2010, [www.edwardmooney.com](http://www.edwardmooney.com)).

A massive hit in Japan, with over 30,000 copies sold, *The Pearls of the Stone Man* is an inspirational novel with plot elements that touch both older and younger generations. Main characters Joseph and Anne Marino are rare. They're still in love after 53 years of marriage and with little time left, Joseph's priority becomes finishing the stone wall that Anne requested years ago—a special reminder from her childhood.

Needing the help of someone younger, Joseph turns to his son, estranged for five years, in hopes of rebuilding a severed relationship as well as the wall. Two teenagers also come to Joseph's aide, and he to theirs, as they all work to finish Joseph's promise to Anne.

Fushimi has produced numerous films and television programs in Japan and in China, and has worked in the United States for MTV Networks, Viacom, in New York. Fushimi will film the Japanese language adaptation of Mooney's novel and then engage the services of a director for filming of the English version.

Author **Edward Mooney** was recently named the **2010 Daughters of the American Revolution's Outstanding Teacher of the Year for California**. Mooney's dedication and passion for teaching and educating teenagers is not only represented at his job, but also through his writing. *The Pearls of the Stone Man* is a beautiful and poignant message about relationships, responsibility and taking care of neglected youth.

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## About Tomoko Fushimi, Producer, Running Beagle, LLC

Born in Niigata, Japan, 1972. Tomoko Fushimi gained her MA in Media Studies at New School University in New York. After several years at MTV and Avex Entertainment, she founded Running Beagle LLC in 2007 and produced HUO Jianqi's feature film "Snowfall in Taipei." Based on an original Japanese script, "Snowfall" was a China, Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan co-production and was nominated for best film at the Tokyo International Film Festival 2009.

