

# ABOUT THE BOOK

The first children's book in the HAPPY BOOK™ Series, *The Adventures of Happy & Big Wanda* highlights the importance of hurricane preparedness through eco-friendly methods. A fictional story based on a compilation of modern everyday life experiences; *this book* is set in New Orleans.

*Young Happy*, a leader among peers and senior trumpeter in his high school band, lives with his adopted family, Mr. and Mrs. Nola. He also drives *Big Wanda*, a rusty old pick-up truck fueled by vegetable oil. Driving to a snowball stand before the unexpected start of heavy rain storms and street flooding, Happy & Big Wanda, are prepared for the disaster and help those in need by providing relief supplies made from renewable material.

Published by Press Star Saddle & Stitch (December 2010), illustrated by Joe Badon with a foreword by Lt. General Russel L. Honore' (Army Ret.), the book also includes a hurricane preparedness checklist and youth safety pledge, encouraging children to prepare for disasters with their families, teachers and friends. [Ages 6-10] For more information: [www.HappyJohnson/BigWanda.org](http://www.HappyJohnson/BigWanda.org) or call (504)315-5084.

# THE AUTHOR

Following Hurricane Katrina, Happy Johnson drove an Emergency Response Vehicle with the K44 Disaster Relief Unit of the American Red Cross Chapter of Southeast Louisiana.

At the conclusion of his service as a Hurricane Katrina first responder, Johnson founded a non-profit/non-governmental organization (NGO). Founded in December 2005, the NGO provided direct humanitarian relief and was a leading national advocate for the comprehensive recovery of New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast. The displacement of children starkly recalled Johnson's journey in foster care, fueling his passion to help renew the "Soul of America" for future generations.

Johnson is President of TeamHappy.Org, which provides global humanitarian relief through blankets and innovative educational resources within the framework of disaster preparedness and coastal restoration for the development of youth. He is also co-host of GoNOLA TV. TIME Magazine selected him to be featured in the high school history textbook: Civics Today. A former White House intern, Johnson has a B.A. from Georgetown University.