

About David Tabatsky

Co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book*



For David Tabatsky, the creative process is a well-honed art and a routine part of his nine-to-five. As a writer, editor, teacher, director and performing artist, he enjoys working in many settings – alongside authors, in the theater and the circus ring – where he capitalizes on the power of story. David’s ability to captivate and inspire audiences through the written word has won him wide exposure in the U.S. and across Europe, Russia and Japan.

Last year, David’s latest project found him on the cancer stage. Several years after losing his father to the terrible disease, he collaborated with Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC., to collect the awe-inspiring stories of cancer patients, their families, friends and doctors.

As the co-author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC | March 2009 | Paperback | 978 -1-935096-30-6 | \$14.95 US, \$16.95 CAN), David has worked with survivors, family members, friends and oncology field professionals to help them share stories from every stage of cancer – from diagnosis to chemo, and in many cases, remission. While sorting through the thousands of submissions, he was touched by the candor and truth presented in each essay, and today, hopes that the story collection will serve as a hand-held support group for cancer patients and the people surrounding them.

“*Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book* tells the cancer experience in an honest way,” says David. “It relates to many aspects of the cancer world, to the strength of family and friendship, to faith and spirituality – I hope to get this book into the hands of as many readers as possible.”

David has contributed to several other book projects, including Marlo Thomas’ *New York Times* bestseller *The Right Words at the Right Time, Volume 2: Your Turn* (Atria Books 2006), for which he served as Consulting Editor, and two editions of *What’s Cool Berlin*, a comic travel guide to Germany’s capital, which he published. He has also contributed to several magazines, including *The Forward*, *Parenting* and *Sesame Street Parent*.

As a critically acclaimed performing artist, David wrote and directed *A Whole Lotte Lenya*, a one-woman show inspired by the legendary actress and wife of Kurt Weill, and *Standing in the Fuhrer’s Slippers*, a work of historical fiction based on the life of Hitler’s housekeeper (touring 2010). David has worked professionally in theatre and circus as an actor, clown and juggler, appearing in New York City’s Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, and the Beacon Theatre, as well as abroad.

David has taught and directed for the American School of London, die Etage in Berlin, the Big Apple Circus School, the United Nations International School and The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. He currently serves on the theatre faculty at Adelphi University and is a teaching artist for The Henry Street Settlement with a focus on special education. He resides in New York City with his children, Max and Stella.

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To arrange an interview or receive a review copy of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book*, please contact Stephanie Mayabb at (512) 478 -2028 ext. 203 or smayabb@phenixpublicity.com