



Spying on Jeff Westhoff

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"Oh, so you're writing a teen spy novel?" In fact, when Jeff Westhoff was asked this, he had only been asking if someone else was. However, with this unexpected question from one of his friends, he responded with, "I guess I am." Westhoff began to create a book in his head, and by the time he got home later that night, he already had a title. "The Boy Who Knew Too Much" is being published this coming summer by Intrigue Publishing, an independent publishing house.

Westhoff discovered his writing ability at an early age, and wrote for his high school magazine before majoring in journalism at Marquette University. After finishing college, Westhoff landed a spot at a small paper in Wabash, Ind., where he was a reporter and copy editor.

Realizing that he no longer wanted to report but write features, he went to the *Northwest Herald*. There, he wrote reviews, as well as feature stories. In 2006, he became a freelance writer. Since then, he has written articles for *Quintessential Barrington* and *Chicago Sun-Times*. Now he can add published novelist to his long list of accomplishments.

Part Bond, part Hitchcock, "The Boy Who Knew Too Much" is about Brian Parker, a teenager with a deep fascination for all things spy related. The story is also part personal experience. Westhoff traveled to Europe one summer as a teenager with his school, and saw a man with dark glasses, a mustache, and a trench coat standing in an alleyway. It sparked something in Westhoff, convincing him that this man was a spy. "The Boy Who Knew Too Much" comes out in

the summer of 2015. For more information about Jeff Westhoff, and the release of his book, visit www.jeffreywesthoff.com.

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