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THE 39 CLUES AGENT DOSSIER • INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

In order to be absolutely certain that the authors of The 39 Clues were up to the task of chronicling Amy and Dan's hunt for the Clues, they were asked a series of questions. The following transcript of an interview with Patrick Carman was recently recovered.

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PATRICK CARMAN**

If your private library fell into Madrigal hands, which three books would you do anything to get back?

My pocket book of Robert Frost poems and my high-school copy of *Frankenstein*. These are both cheap paperbacks, but they're loaded with notes in the margins I would hate to lose. Also the little story I wrote and printed out about a talking donkey, which is pure embarrassing silliness that should never be seen outside of the house (note to self: destroy talking donkey manuscript).

Your passport is filled with romantic and exotic destinations. Which three countries would you like to add to its pages?

The Netherlands for its earth friendliness and hospitality, Madagascar for the cool animals and wild adventures, and Italy for the art and food. It's the perfect triple threat!

Madrigals insist that you were once banned from a country. Were you? Confirm or deny.

I was. They wouldn't let me into Germany from 1998-2000 because I bumped into the chancellor's daughter on my skateboard. Also Kansas. They fear me in the Midwest.

You duck into a movie theater to evade Cahill eyes. What old or new movie would keep you there for more than one showing?

Ace Ventura, *Pet Detective*. Anything by Wes Anderson. *The Matrix* (only the first one). And if I've got 14 hours, the director's cut of the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

While conducting surveillance on unknowing Cahills, your favorite snack is...

Chocolate-chip cookies just out of the oven. It's not always easy packing the stove and the cookie dough on a stakeout, and power can be a problem. But a truly great agent finds a way, and I am that great agent!

You want to lose suspicious Cahills tailing you. What disguise would you wear?

I'm a casual dresser by nature, so I'd have to go with a dark suit, a tie, thick-rimmed glasses, a fedora, and cowboy boots. Spurs might be nice.

Your brain is fried after a long day of research, writing, and code cracking. What do you do to revitalize it?

Fly fishing or skateboarding, either will do the trick.

You're spotted wearing headphones. If you're not eavesdropping, what type of music are you listening to?

Classic rock 'n' roll, cranked to 11.



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