



**TOP SECRET**

**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 Peter Lerangis was recently recovered.

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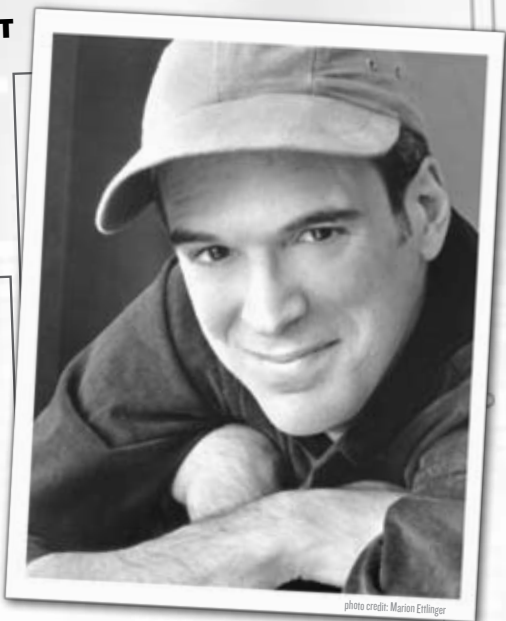


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**If your private library fell into Madrigal hands, which three books would you do anything to get back?**

(1) *The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York*, because it's out of print and has the most amazing archival photos, including some of the construction of the NYC subway on land that looks practically like primeval forest; (2) the smudged, dog-eared copy of D'Aulaires' *Book of Greek Myths* that I read to my kids a million times; (3) the old copy of *The Forgotten Door* by Alexander Key that my mom allowed me to buy from the Arrow Book Club, which made me want to become a writer.

**Your hunt takes you to an international city, but you need to lay low for a while. Where's the best place to hide?**

The storage room for fresh chocolate at the Nestle factory in Vevey, Switzerland.

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

Antarctica, Madagascar, Greenland. I like extremes.

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

Dried jalapeño peppers and coffee. Hey, you gotta stay awake.

**You're trapped in an enemy Cahill stronghold and must commandeer an escape vehicle. Would you most likely fly a plane, pilot a submarine, or drive a tank?**

Wait. That would depend on the terrain. Yeah, that's it. This a trick question, isn't it?

**Cahill spies know most of your secrets. Can you share a secret about yourself they haven't discovered yet?**

I have an oval-shaped scar on the knuckle of my right index finger, from crashing my hand through a light fixture while practicing Elvis Presley moves in college.

**You find yourself thrown into a Cahill talent show. What would you do once onstage?**

Run.

**You follow a Cahill agent into an ice cream parlor and must buy a cone. What flavor do you order?**

A frozen chocolate chunk flying saucer, which will double as a throwing weapon when the sweet-toothed agent spots me and tries to run.

**AGENT FILE:  
PETER LERANGIS**



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