

MIDDLE GRADE

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Book Proposal

- WORKING TITLE:** *Bedtime Stories of a Spy*
- THEME:** A father recounts the exciting stories of his time as a spy to his children through the framework of bedtime stories.
- LENGTH:** Approximately 45,000 words.
- HOW DIFFERS:** The middle grade market is wide open for a spy-themed book. The lack of competition is good. Beyond that, however, this book is based on real stories, from a real spy, and the stories are the ones my father told me throughout childhood.
- MARKET:** Middle grade readers both Christian and non-Christian, particularly boys, tomboys, and adventurous girls. This would be the kind of a book a father would enjoy reading to his children or children will read for themselves and clamor to retell the stories.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- ⊙ I heard these stories first-hand from my father as a kid.
 - ⊙ Enthusiastic first-time author of a middle grade book.
 - ⊙ Later this year I'll be published and will have a reader base.
 - ⊙ Social media platform (author website, facebook, twitter).
 - ⊙ Clever marketing strategist.
 - ⊙ I found a box of his original reports from his spy days.
- AVAILABILITY:** Three sample chapters available immediately & via downloadable PDF. Full manuscript available 6-8 months.
- SUMMARY:** This is the story of how my father got himself purposefully drafted (not enlisted) into the army during the Vietnam War only to wind up becoming a spy in South Korea. It follows his adventures, told in a Princess Bride-esque way with him recounting his real spy stories in the same tempered yet thrilling way that he told us as children. It is a book that celebrates adventure, creativity, ambition, determination, honor, and family all in one character at three different stages of his life: spy (ages 19-23), father (30s), and grandfather (60s).