



## THE WAYWARD SPY

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## Former CIA Analyst's New Thriller Is Inspired by Her Many Years in Intelligence.

***The Wayward Spy* is perfect for fans of the Jack Ryan series and other spy thrillers, written by an author who knows the intelligence game.**

Nashville, TN 10/15/20 – Susan Ouellette, Washington, D.C., is a former intelligence analyst for the CIA. Her debut novel, *The Wayward Spy*, to be released from CamCat Books on March 2nd, 2021, heavily draws on her academic studies of international relations and Russian language and culture at both Harvard University and Boston University. As the Soviet Union teetered on the edge of collapse, she worked as an intelligence analyst at the CIA, where she earned a commendation for her work done during the failed 1991 Soviet coup.

Subsequently, Ouellette worked on Capitol Hill as a professional staff member for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). There, she participated in several overseas staff and congressional delegations focused on intelligence cooperation with allies and classified operations against adversaries.

It was there, during quiet moments in the attic of the of the U.S. Capitol Building, that Ouellette conceived of Maggie Jenkins in *The Wayward Spy*, an intrepid young woman thrust into a life-threatening situation borne of tragedy. “She has walked the halls of the House Intelligence Committee and the CIA and knows those institutions as very few novelists do,” says Dr. Mark M. Lowenthal, former CIA Assistant Director for Analysis and former Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. “Susan Ouellette has written a well-crafted page-turner that benefits not only from her imagination and way with words—but from her experience.”

Ouellette is available for interviews and book signings. Please contact [Laura Wooffitt](mailto:Laura.Wooffitt@camcatpublishing.com) to schedule an interview, or to request any additional information or support materials.

### BOOK SUMMARY:

**The terrorist threat has changed. The consequences haven't.**

When her fiancé, a CIA operative accused of treason, is killed overseas, intelligence analyst Maggie Jenkins smells cover-up and sets out to clear his name. Maggie disobeys direct orders and travels to Tbilisi, Georgia, to follow a trail littered with secrets and lies, corruption and deceit, risking her own life to expose the terrorist threat at the intersection where the Russian Mafia, Chechen rebels, Al Qaeda and . . . US government officials meet.

From the halls of power in Washington, D.C. to the political chaos of the former Soviet Union, Maggie must confront players from the intelligence, political, and criminal worlds who will do anything to stop her. How far will Maggie go to uncover the truth?



## **AUTHOR BIO:**

**Susan Ouellette** was born and raised in the suburbs of Boston, where she studied international relations and Russian as both an undergraduate and graduate student. Thus well prepared for a career in intelligence as the post-Cold War world order began to emerge, Susan moved to Washington, D.C., to work as a CIA intelligence analyst. Subsequently, Susan worked on Capitol Hill as a professional staff member for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). She also played an integral role in a study about the future of the post-Cold War intelligence community. Since her stint on Capitol Hill, she has worked for several federal consulting firms. Susan lives on a farm outside of Washington, D.C., with her family.

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