

Reformed Reluctant Reader Appeals to Youth with Thriller Series

The Delphi Trilogy continues with Book 2, *The Delphi Deception*

As a reluctant and struggling young reader often labeled as “slow” and “lazy,” Chris Everheart’s hunger for stories was fed mostly by daydreaming, TV and movies.

But in high school, he was inspired to read and connect to the arts and humanities by a dedicated teacher, thus opening up a world he might otherwise never have known. Not only did Chris become an avid reader, but eventually an award-winning author as well. His most recent project is the young adult thriller series, The Delphi Trilogy.

The trilogy begins with *The League of Delphi* and 17-year-old Zach, who made the mistake of returning to his wealthy hometown after 10 years in hiding. He slammed head-on into the conspiracy that killed his parents, drove a childhood friend to suicide and exploits other teens to fulfill an ancient agenda of greed.

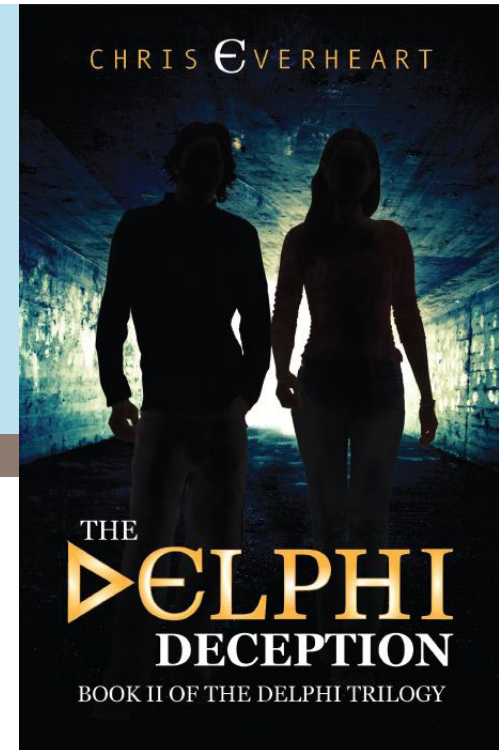
His blind pursuit of the town’s deepest secrets—which harbor a dark connection to Ancient Greece and the Oracle at Delphi—left him injured and terrified, and the answers he got about his true identity were more disturbing than he could have imagined.

Zach’s story continues this fall with Book 2, *The Delphi Deception*, plunging readers deeper into a world of conspiracy and danger. Desperate to save his first love, Ashley, Zach is deterred by a mysterious man he thought was his ally. Forced to team with Ashley’s ambitious sister, he enters an alliance fraught with deception and betrayal.

Fans of Charles Benoit (*You; Fall From Grace*) and Suzanne Collins (*The Hunger Games*) will instantly connect with Chris’ visual storytelling style and relatable characters.

News tie-ins & core messages:

- Parents: Got a reluctant reader? Tips on how to turn it around.
- If your child is a daydreamer, learn how to inspire and foster their imagination
- American Education Week is November 18-22, 2013 – take time to honor the inspiring teachers in your life.



BOOK DETAILS

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Who wrote it?

Chris Everheart is a Moonbeam Children's Book award-winning writer (for graphic novel *Recon Academy: Shadow Cell Scam*), an award-winning filmmaker, an actor in various independent productions and a former archaeological illustrator at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology where hours in the exhibit halls and collections rooms filled his imagination with the stories of people lost to time.

Chris recently began a boys' learning-themed comic strip called "Reader & Guinness," that approaches boys' learning issues in a lighthearted way through the experience of the world's most distracted middle-grade boy, Reader, who accidentally builds a robotic guinea pig named Guinness who is better-read than his creator.

A Minnesota native, Chris now lives in with his wife in the mountains of East Tennessee.

Praise for Book One:

"...a must read for those who thought *The Hunger Games* was good." – Amazon.com

"Read. This. Book! Each chapter leaves you on the edge of your seat, and it all leads up to one of the most exciting endings I've read in a long time." – Amazon.com

"*The League of Delphi* is super suspenseful and 'unputdownable.' A great readalike for kids who plowed through *Percy Jackson* and *The Hunger Games*.

We have multiple copies of the book and they have not been on the shelf since we bought them. Teen patrons love *The League of Delphi*." - Hannahlily Smith, Teen Coordinator, Johnson City Public Library, Johnson City, Tenn.



"I hit on something significant with Young Adult books. I realized how close to the surface my inner boy is—the wonder, challenge and triumph of growing up. I began looking at ideas I had stored up for adult novels and asked, 'How would a teen react in this situation?' My goal is to connect with young people through thrilling stories, to open up an inner world where adventure is our calling and danger is a metaphor for the challenges of our heroic life."

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