

Cyber Lies: When Finding the Truth Matters

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The synopsis on the back of the book describes “Cyber Lies” to its fullest: ...written for the spouse who has a very limited knowledge of computers. Finally! Someone recognized that the spouses may not be knowledgeable about computers and may not know how to “spy” on a suspected cheating partner. This same book would be most helpful for any parent that feels they aren’t as knowledgeable as their teenage children, not only with computers but also cell phones, and suspect unfavorable use.

John Lucich, the author, is an internationally recognized computer forensic expert. He also understands that most people don’t know computer forensics and has created the most simple, concise book that is in lay language. Move over “PCs for Dummies” because this book is giving you a run! And, move over cheating spouses, because your suspecting spouse is going to know exactly what you are doing after reading this book. He or she may think that their computer is password secure, however, this is not the case. Lucich educates the reader how security can be bypassed as well as learning how to retrieve data that was thought to be deleted.

Lucich makes it so simple. For example, when he explains about learning to copy folders and files he starts with:

Begin by starting Windows Explorer.

- 1) In order to access Windows Explorer, hold down the **WINDOWS** key and depress the **E** key at the same time. This will open Windows Explorer window.

Now how simple is that. The embarrassing part is that I consider myself computer savvy but had to look for the “Windows” key. I always took the “long way” to get to Windows Explorer.

But there is more than just 101 about computer operations. For example, Lucich, in his chapter titled “Infidelity and the Internet,” explains that not only is the internet a great resource, it is the fastest-growing service provider – connecting people who are interested in dating. He also explains how the world-wide web supports infidelity. You can create the gender you wish to, be any age you want to be and have many different names with free e-mail accounts to support each one of them. The author further makes it clear how faithful spouses can access IM (Instant Messaging) logs of the cheating spouse and find out who they have been communicating with.

“Cyber Lies” also addresses cell phones, not only operating but also data storage. One of the key points that Lucich insists is not to turn off the spouse’s cell phone or “you may find that you just locked yourself out.”

Although geared toward the betrayed spouse, I found “Cyber Lies” very valuable because I learned many shortcuts that I didn’t know before. I also learned that any lay person can access information, just like the computer forensics staff on CIS. I commend John Paul Lucich for publishing this most valuable book and encourage any spouse that may suspect their partner in cheating or any parent that suspects their child participating in obscene or sex oriented discussions on the internet to not think twice about buying this book. It will be one of the best investments you would make.