

Wilfred Bereswill was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of Missouri - Rolla. He worked in the natural gas industry from 1980 through 1991, which plays a large part in *A Reason For Dying*.

While many people stereotype engineers as anything but creative, Wilfred begs to differ. Engineers push the limits of creativity to bring architectural masterpieces, such as, Eero Saarinen's dream of the St. Louis Arch to fruition among other things. He is a believer in research and organization.

Since 2001, Wilfred has traveled extensively through China, a wonderful and fulfilling chapter in his life. Even though travel was restricted during the SARS epidemic, he still made connections and returned to China after things cooled down a bit.

He was encouraged to try his hand at writing by his aunt and uncle, Mildred and Bob MacGuire, after he sent them a journal of his travels through China. A retired college professor, his uncle's advice, "write what you know" became *A Reason For Dying*.

Wilfred lives in a house full of women. He has a beautiful wife, Linda and three wonderful daughters, Kelly, Kristen and Kaitlin. In order to bring balance to the estrogen/testosterone levels in the household, he purchased a male Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier named Fraiser. It wasn't long after he arrived that the imbalance was restored with a quick and painless (HA!) neutering.

Wilfred grew up reading Stephen King and other horror and Science fiction works. He moved on to thrillers, reading Tom Clancy, Michael Crichton, Robin Cook and others. He placed third in the 2005 James Nash Memorial Short Story Contest with a historical short fiction about the Spanish Flu Pandemic, *In Flew Enza*. He is an active member of the St. Louis Writers Guild and Sisters in Crime.