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**ELIZABETHAN SECRET AGENT: THE UNTOLD STORY OF
WILLIAM ASHBY (1536-1593)**

By Dr. Timothy Ashby, PhD, MBA, JD

Friday, April 21, 2023, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sarasota Yacht Club



Dr. Timothy Ashby

Tim Ashby presents the never-before-told story of William Ashby, an Elizabethan ‘gentleman spy’. A trusted protégé of Sir Francis Walsingham – the Queen’s spy master – William Ashby was a key figure in Anglo-Scottish relations during his tenure as English ambassador to the Court of King James VI from 1588 to 1590. The non-fiction biography of this “Elizabethan James Bond,” a collateral ancestor of the author, reads like an adventure novel, but it is all factual.

Tim Ashby writes, “My formative years were spent on the Caribbean island of Grenada, where I rarely attended school, spending my days indulging in archaeology, sailing, diving, and exploring. To the surprise of family and friends (not to mention myself), I eventually added the alphabet soup of PhD, JD and MBA after my name, became a senior official in the US government, and spent the following years as an international lawyer and entrepreneur, during which time I rose early and spent weekends to indulge another passion - writing.”

Please join us in welcoming Tim Ashby!

The Sarasota Yacht is at 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236. **The event is free, but please email mhcswfl@gmail.com to make a reservation.** Guests are welcome; just indicate name(s) in your reply. Annual Mount Holyoke Club dues are \$20, and may be paid at any of our Club’s events. **R.S.V.P. by Monday, April 17th.**