

Author Biography: Topper Sherwood

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Topper Sherwood was raised, from age 1, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Sherwood graduated from Denison University (Granville, Ohio) with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature. After a stint with the Peace Corps, he worked for newspapers and The Associated Press in his home town.

During a long freelance career, Sherwood's work has been published in *Time*, *BusinessWeek*, *Boston Globe*, *Pittsburgh Press*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Preservation News*, *Common Cause*, *Mother Jones* and *Smithsonian Air & Space*. In 1993, he helped



longtime West Virginia political boss Raymond Chafin write and publish his autobiography, *Just Good Politics: The Life of Raymond Chafin, Appalachian Boss*.

Appalachian Editions is Sherwood's own imprint, which he used during the 1990s to publish other writers' books and textbooks about Appalachian history.

Sherwood and his wife, Katja Sherwood, have raised two sons in West Virginia and Berlin, where Sherwood first came in 1989 as a journalist to cover the fall of the Wall.