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It seems that—in my lifetime—every time someone I never heard of surfaces, is a magnet for media attention, and polarizes opinion, he turns out to be a Democratic presidential candidate. Several months ago a name that many were familiar with—I'm sure; but not me—burst through the headlines and into my consciousness—[Julian Assange \(http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/julian-assange\)](#). Earthquakes in Japan tend to divert the news away from Mr. Assange, but his name continues to flare up here and there.

Being a firm believer in "[The truth is out there \(http://www.xfiles.com/\)](#)...but nobody wants you to know it," I wasn't quite sure if I wanted to know anything about Assange until a DVD, [Julian Assange: A Modern Day Hero? Inside the World of WikiLeaks \(http://www.amazon.com/Assange-Julian-Modern-Inside-WikiLeaks/dp/B00418WN32/ref=sr_1_1?sr=dvd&ie=UTF8&qid=1305052207&sr=1-1\)](#) hit my desk. Touted as "An unbiased and informative documentary on Julian Assange, WikiLeaks and more," it purports to offer a balanced view of the man who so shook the world [Steven Spielberg \(http://www.netflix.com/RoleDisplay/Steven_Spielberg/87835\)](#) is considering a project, *WikiLeaks: The Movie*.

Who is Julian Assange? He's an Australian journalist, publisher, and *Internet* activist (not necessarily a good thing to be). WikiLeaks has earned him a number of journalism awards for his role as spokesperson and whistleblower-in-chief (er...make that editor-in-chief). Assange was *Time Magazine*

(http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,2066367_2066369_2066107,00.html)'s Readers' Choice Person of the Year for 2010 and WikiLeaks was nominated for a 2011 [Nobel Peace Prize](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/about/prize_announcements/) (among over 240 others); the prize will be awarded on October 7.



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