

A.C. Frieden Launches Debut Novel in Chicago

CHICAGO, **Illinois**, **USA** (Aug. 26, 2004) – Over ninety guests attended the launch of A.C. Frieden's debut novel, *Canvas Sunsets Never Fade* (ISBN 0-9747934-0-X), a mystery set in Mexico, Switzerland, New York, San Diego and Washington, DC. The evening began with West African rhythms by Chicago's Djembe Project Student Ensemble, followed by an audio-visual presentation featuring scenes from the novel and a reading by A. C. Frieden. A lively question and answer session followed, delving into the current crises over weapons proliferation in the Middle East, a central theme of the novel.

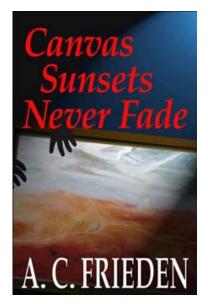
Among the special guests at the event were Hon. Hermann Buff, Consul General of Switzerland in Chicago; Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto, Consul General of Brazil in Chicago; Maria Drell, Director of the Brazilian Cultural Center; David Kouidri, Swiss Trade Commissioner; several members of the faculty from Columbia College Chicago and Northwestern University; and Chicago's award-winning romantic suspense author Patricia Rosemoor.



(above) The Djembe Project ensemble.

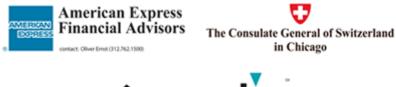


(above) A.C. Frieden and After-Words Books owner Beverli Dvorkin.



(above) The book cover of Canvas Sunsets Never Fade (ISBN 0-9747934-0-X).

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