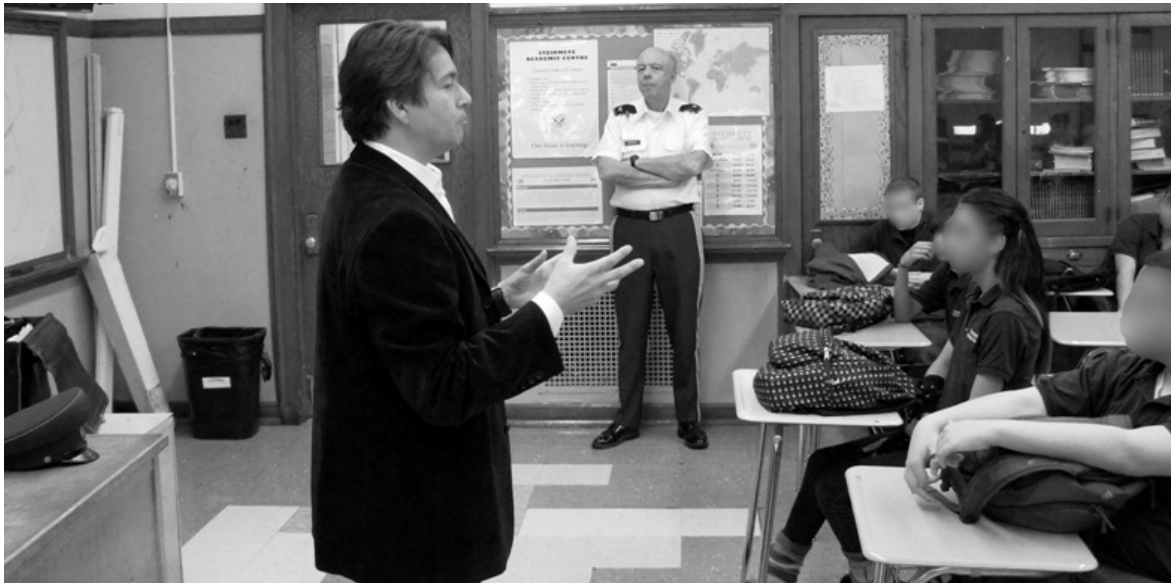


## **Novelist A.C. Frieden Speaks at Chicago High School**

**CHICAGO, Illinois, USA (Feb. 24, 2012)** – International thriller author A.C. Frieden was a guest speaker at the Charles P. Steinmetz Academic Centre, one of Chicago’s largest high schools. Invited by teacher Jason Mink, Frieden discussed his experiences in North Korea, a country he visited to research a new thriller and to publish a photography book. “I enjoy giving back to the community,” said Frieden. “North Korea is the most isolated country on earth, and given the dangers on the Korean peninsula, it’s important for Americans to know more about this country.”



*Photo above: Frieden talks with Steinmetz students about his literary research travel to North Korea.*

Frieden spoke in three separate classes and brought several interesting props, including a North Korean military officer’s hat and propoganda materials from the Kim Jong-il regime. “Less than three thousand Westerners visit North Korea each year,” added Frieden, “so it’s important for those few who do to share their experiences with the outside world.”



*Photo above: The Steinmetz Academic Centre High School.*



**Photos above:** (left) Author A.C. Frieden with Steinmetz teacher Jason Mink; (right) Colonel John Baynes, ret., Steinmetz's JROTC instructor, and author A.C. Frieden.

Charles P. Steinmetz Academic Centre, formerly known as Steinmetz High School, is located in Chicago's Belmont Cragin neighborhood and is part of the Chicago Public Schools District 299. Its name comes from the German-American mathematician and electrical engineer Charles Proteus Steinmetz (1865-1923). Probably the most famous alumnus from this school is Playboy founder Hugh Hefner.

**About the author:** A.C. Frieden is international novelist and lawyer based in Chicago. He is currently working on several political and espionage novels, including the sequel to his latest thriller *Tranquility Denied*, as well as various other fiction and non-fiction literary projects. For more information, visit his website at [www.acfrieden.com](http://www.acfrieden.com) and his literary travel/research blog.

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