

## **Author A.C. Frieden Attends ThrillerFest and CraftFest in New York**

**NEW YORK, NY, USA (July 11, 2012)** – International thriller author A.C. Frieden arrived in New York for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual ThrillerFest conference, the largest author gathering in the thriller and suspense genres. Frieden arrived two days early in order to participate in some of the conference’s “CraftFest” sessions, which include instructive panels of authors, literary industry experts and others delving into a wide range of topics of interest to thriller writers.



*(Above) Author A.C. Frieden with best-selling author Catherine Coulter and her latest FBI thriller BACK FIRE, which is the 16<sup>th</sup> novel in her popular series. To date, Catherine has written 67 novels, 62 of which have hit the New York Times bestseller list.*

Held at the Hyatt Grand Central in Midtown Manhattan, CraftFest and ThrillerFest attracted a large mix of seasoned, up-and-coming, and debut authors from around the world. Some of the most interesting panels covered important topics, such as developing appealing protagonists, using historical characters, and writing realistic combat scenes—a challenging subject for authors who do not possess military or law enforcement backgrounds. Other topics covered during the conference ranged from online marketing to techniques for improving plot flow.

“The sessions at CraftFest are interesting in that they show how other authors tackle the same challenges, sometimes in very different ways,” said Frieden. “Added benefits are the networking and camaraderie shared amongst us writers.”

This year, ThrillerFest included a number of spotlight guests, notably 2012 ThrillerMaster Jack Higgins (author of *The Eagle Has Landed*—one of the biggest-selling thrillers of all time); 2011 ThrillerMaster R.L. Stine (the author of over 330 books for children); Lee Child (author of the best-

selling Jack Reacher series); John Sandford (the pseudonym of John Roswell Camp, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and author); and Catherine Coulter (author of 62 books to reach the *New York Times* bestseller list); along with 2012 True Thriller Award Recipient Ann Rule; the 2012 Silver Bullet Award recipient Richard North Patterson (former trial lawyer and author of *The Devil's Light*, *In the Name of Honor*, *The Spire*, and sixteen other critically acclaimed novels), and 2011 Silver Bullet Award recipient Karin Slaughter (number one international bestseller of several novels, including the Grant County series).

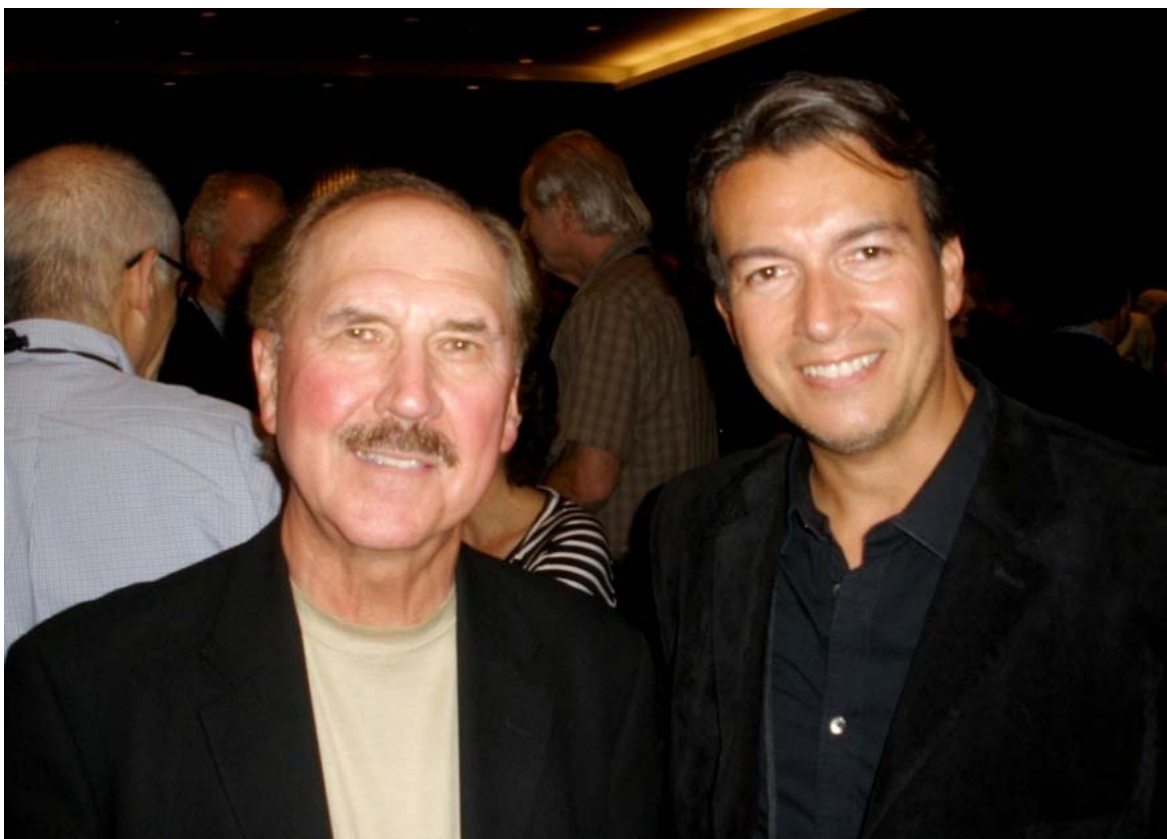


**(Above)** Author and moderator Steve Berry (right) speaks with his panel of authors, including David Liss, Michael McMenamain, Ann Parker, Stephanie Pintoff, and Matt Richtel, at the start of a CraftFest session during ThrillerFest in New York.



**(Above, left)** Authors A.C. Frieden, Don Hudson, Vickie Sutton, and August McLaughlin at one of the many receptions during ThrillerFest in New York; **(Above, right)** Best-selling thriller author Raymond Benson, the fourth official author of the James Bond 007 novels, and author A.C. Frieden at a reception during ThrillerFest.





**(Above)** Author A.C. Frieden (right) and David Morrell (left), the award-winning author of *FIRST BLOOD*, the novel in which Rambo was created, and thirty other acclaimed novels, including high-action thrillers *THE NAKED EDGE*, *CREEPERS*, and *THE SPY WHO CAME FOR CHRISTMAS*.

**(Below)** Enjoying the opening reception at ThrillerFest in New York were, from left to right, authors Sean Chercover, Mike Cooper, Jamie Freveletti, and A.C. Frieden.





*(Above) Authors A.C. Frieden (left), August McLaughlin (center), and Ro Cuzon (second from right) at a ThrillerFest reception.*

*(Below) Taking a dinner break away from ThrillerFest were author A.C. Frieden (second from left), suspense/romance author Patricia Rosemoor (Patricia Pinianski, center) and romance author Rebecca York (Ruth Glick, second from right).*







**(Below)** Some of the many promotional materials at the conference, including postcards of A.C. Frieden's forthcoming thriller, *THE SERPENT'S GAME*.

**About the author:** A.C. Frieden is an international novelist and lawyer based in Chicago. He is currently working on several legal/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 various blogs.

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