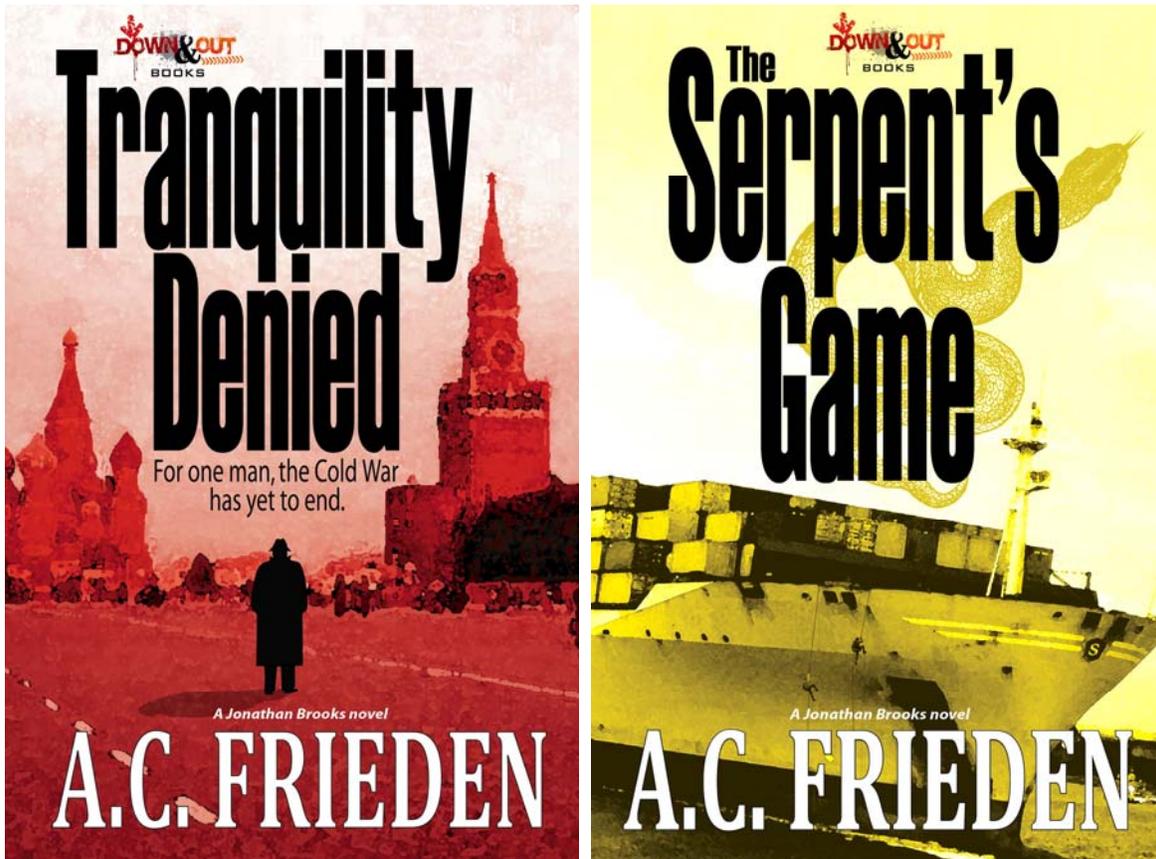


Author A.C. Frieden Signs E-Book Deal with D&O Books

LUTZ, Florida, USA (Aug. 20, 2013) – A.C. Frieden’s Jonathan Brooks thriller series are finally coming out in e-book form. Frieden announced the e-book deal with Down and Out Books, a Florida-based publisher of crime fiction, for the digital versions of *Tranquility Denied* and the sequel *The Serpent’s Game*, due out this fall. “I’m excited to share these fast-paced, international espionage thrillers with the growing community of fiction fans who prefer e-books over print,” said Frieden. “I’m also hoping their devices will run red hot from my stories.”



(Above) D&O Books’ covers for the first two titles in the Jonathan Brooks series.

Frieden’s series follows the travails of New Orleans maritime lawyer Jonathan Brooks, who is catapulted into a maze of espionage and political ploys, with twists and turns that take readers to some of the world’s most bizarre, perilous and fascinating hotspots. Down and Out Books will publish both e-books in Kindle, Nook and other formats, while the print versions will continue to be available in paperback by Chicago-based Avendia Publishing. Frieden recently announced the next two titles in the series, *The Pyongyang Option* and *Letter From Istanbul*, with releases set for mid-2014 and 2015, respectively.

Along with contemporary authors Daniel Silva, Brad Thor and others, Frieden is helping to make espionage thrillers an increasingly popular sub-genre, particularly at a time when spy scandals have captured the world’s attention—notably, the recent revelations by NSA contractor Edward Snowden, Army Private Bradley Manning, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, and other intelligence-related controversies involving China, North Korea, Russia and Israel. “There’s more interest now, it seems, because even the ordinary person is a target of espionage,” added Frieden.



(Above) A.C. Frieden in Istanbul while researching an upcoming novel in the Jonathan Brooks series.

As with all his novels, Frieden takes pride in his on-location research, wherever the story might take him. For *The Serpent's Game*, he's explored the rough barrios of Caracas, piloted a small plane over the Panama Canal and scrutinized the devastated post-Hurricane Katrina neighborhoods. He also roamed the halls of Cuba's most historic hotel, navigated through densely forested islands in Nicaragua's largest lake, and completed specialized flight training to write a gripping seaplane scene.

Today, Frieden is continuing his research for the as-yet unnamed fifth title in his series. "The next book is always on my mind," said Frieden, while acknowledging that he's still busy finishing the third and fourth in the series. "It's a balancing act between working on the current manuscripts, reviewing feedback from my editor and daydreaming of the next plots." While keeping a tight lid on what's coming next, he's promising some riveting scenes from his recent tour of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant and his stay in the North Korean capital.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is a Chicago-based fiction author, lawyer, pilot, diver, and former army sniper and biologist. His works include the Jonathan Brooks thriller series as well as other fiction and non-fiction books. For more info, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com and his blogs.

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