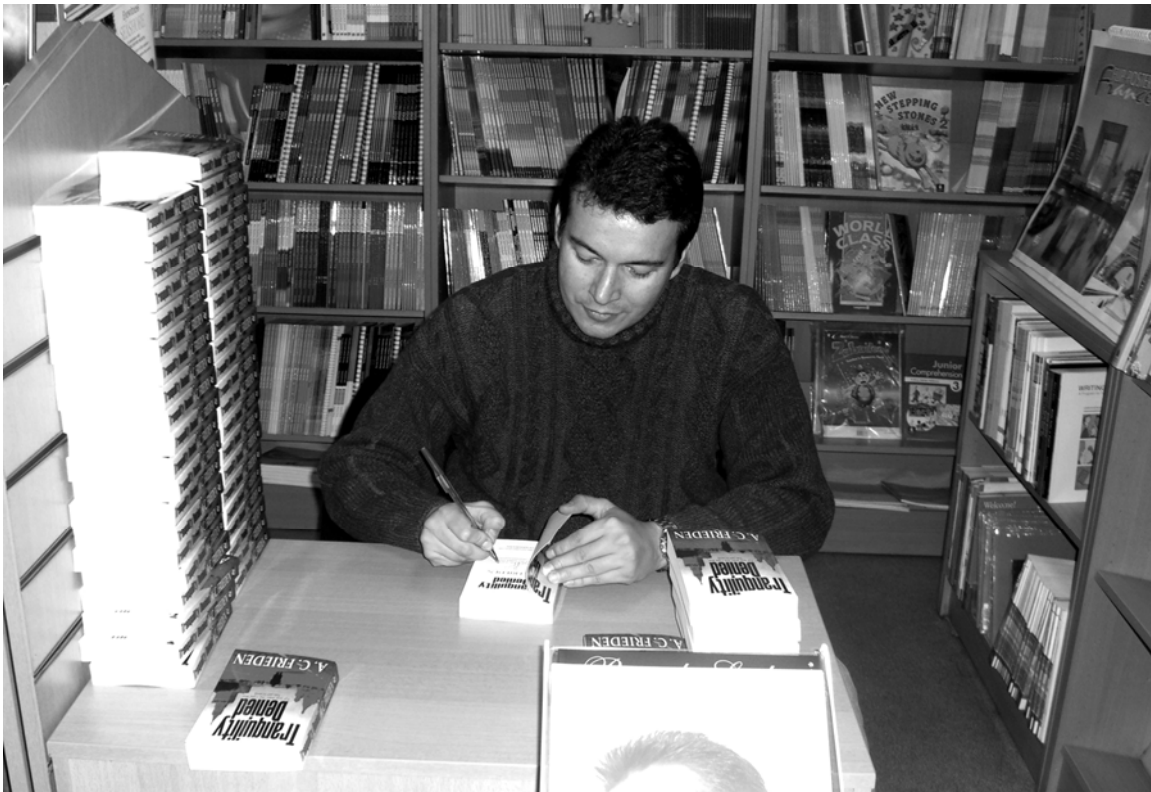


A.C. Frieden Celebrates European Book Launch in Russia

MOSCOW, Russia (Nov. 24, 2006) – Novelist A.C. Frieden celebrated the launch of his latest legal/spy thriller *Tranquility Denied* at Anglia British Bookshop, Russia’s largest English language bookstore. “I was eager to launch the book here, since parts of the novel are set in Moscow and I have such fond memories of my studies here years ago,” said Frieden. Located in the heart of Moscow, the venue helped bring together an international mix of guests.

Among the VIPs attending the event were Russian hockey legend Vladislav Tretiak, currently a member of the Duma (the Russian Parliament) and head of the Russian Hockey Federation. Guests included American, British, Dutch, Swiss and French expatriates living in Moscow as well as avid local readers. Frieden’s presentation began with a reading, followed by a briefing on current U.S.-Russia relations, including the ongoing political tensions that are rivaling those of the Cold War. Frieden also described his own observations of Moscow, having studied at Moscow State University in the mid-1990s, as well as the other influences that led to writing his latest novel. A reception followed the presentation.



(above) A.C. Frieden signed books at Anglia British Bookshop on November 24 and 26.



(above) A.C. Frieden with Irina Khan, Anglia British Bookshop's manager, and Mr. and Mrs. Florian Gubler, Cultural Attaché at the Swiss Embassy.



(above) Anglia British Bookshop in downtown Moscow.



(above) A.C. Frieden with Russian parliament member and hockey legend Vladislav Tretiak.



(above) After the book signing, Frieden invited bookstore manager Irina Khan and friends Stephanie Veit, George and Chantal Poulino to the renowned Central House of Writers restaurant (*Tsentralny Dom Literatov*) in the historic district. The 19th century mansion served as an exclusive author's club during Soviet times and now regularly hosts visiting world leaders and celebrities.



(above) A.C. Frieden in Red Square, across from the Kremlin.

About the author: A. C. Frieden is a Swiss-Brazilian mystery novelist and lawyer living in Chicago. His diverse experiences as an attorney, molecular biologist, private pilot and army sniper, as well as his years abroad, comes together in his mysteries, blending intricate plots and spirited characters with scenes from some of the world's most intriguing places. Frieden is active in the literary industry through his work as senior counsel with North America's largest educational services provider. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia College Chicago. For additional information, visit Frieden's official website at www.acfrieden.com.

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