

Author A.C. Frieden Visits Chernobyl's Damaged Nuclear Reactor

CHERNOBYL, Ukraine (May 18, 2013) – Novelist A.C. Frieden arrived in Kiev, Ukraine, to research scenes for his upcoming novel *The Pyongyang Option*. As part of this research, he toured the damaged Chernobyl nuclear power station and the nearby abandoned city of Pripyat.



(Above) Author A.C. Frieden stands in front of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant's Reactor No. 4, which exploded in April 1986 and caused extensive radioactive contamination.



(Above) A.C. Frieden stands near the new sarcophagus that is still under construction. The new structure is intended to replace the damaged reactor's current containment.

(Below) The main fire station in Chernobyl. Many of the firefighters who initially responded to the explosion at the nearby nuclear power plant in 1986 were based at this station.





(Above and below) A.C. Frieden visited the abandoned city of Pripyat, which was permanently evacuated two days after the explosion at the nearby Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Radiation levels in the city are still relatively high, and prolonged exposure can cause serious health risks.





(Above) The dilapidated Ferris wheel in Pripyat's amusement park stands as an eerie reminder of the city's tragic past as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is an international author and lawyer based in Chicago. His works include the Jonathan Brooks series thrillers *Tranquility Denied* and *The Serpent's Game*, as well as other fiction and non-fiction books. For more information, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com and his blogs.

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