



Spies Like Us: Espionage Thrillers

Panelists



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Moderator



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A.C. Frieden is the author of the Jonathan Brooks series (Down & Out Books), including *The Pyongyang Option*, his latest thriller set in North Korea—Frieden is one of the few American authors to have visited this reclusive country. He is also a tech lawyer, seaplane pilot, scuba instructor, and former molecular biologist and army sniper, and his globe-trotting book research has taken him to Russia, Ukraine, Cuba, China, Turkey, India, Venezuela and 80 other countries. The next two installments in his series, *Letter from Istanbul* and *Midnight in Delhi*, come out in 2023.

SIMON GERVAIS www.simongervaisbooks.com

Simon Gervais is a former federal agent specializing in protective operations and counterterrorism. He spent nearly twenty years in the military and in law enforcement. His assignments took him all over Europe and the Middle East. He's the New York Times and #1 Amazon bestselling author of the Clayton White and the Pierce Hunt series (both published by Thomas & Mercer) and the upcoming Robert Ludlum's Blackbriar series (Penguin Random House).

GRAY BASNIGHT www.graybasnight.com

After three decades in New York City broadcast news as a writer, editor, producer, and reporter, Gray Basnight is deeply immersed in fiction writing. His novels cross several genres, including crime, thriller, and historical. His latest novel, *Madness of the Q*, features the return of encryption expert Sam Teagarden in a run for his life from Israel to Germany as dueling forces try to suppress discovery of an ancient encoded document. Having grown up in Richmond, Virginia, he has lived in New York long enough to consider himself a native.

DAVID KRUGLER www.davidkrugler.com

David Krugler writes World War II spy thrillers. His debut novel *The Dead Don't Bleed*, inspired by Soviet espionage in the atomic bomb project, was published in 2016 (Pegasus Crime). The sequel, *Rip the Angels from Heaven*, appeared in 2018. He is currently writing a novel about a young woman recruited by the O.S.S. to lead the Danish Resistance during World War II. Before writing fiction, he published several books on historical topics: Cold War propaganda, nuclear warfare, and racial conflict in the United States. He lives in Wisconsin.

BILL RAPP www.billrappbooks.com

Bill Rapp started his adult life as an academic historian on Modern Europe, but after teaching at Vanderbilt and Iowa State decided on a less sedentary career. So, he spent the next forty years at the Central Intelligence Agency as an analyst, diplomat, and senior executive. Bill spent most of career in Washington, D.C., but his work has also taken him on assignments around the world, including to Germany, Turkey, Canada, Iraq, the U.K., and the White House. He started his writing career with a P.I. series set outside Chicago but is currently working on a series of spy thrillers set during the Cold War. The fifth book, *A Turkish Triangle*, comes out in 2023.

