

Chicago Author A.C. Frieden Arrives in Northern Italy for Literary Projects

VERONA, Italy (Jun. 16, 2009) – After a short, intense research and promotional journey through southern Switzerland, Chicago-based author A.C. Frieden arrived in northern Italy to continue research for an upcoming novel and to take additional aerial photographs for another book. "This is a stunning region of Europe," Frieden said, "so no wonder stars and luminaries like George Clooney have bought homes here and so many movies feature this area. It also makes for good content in thrillers and mysteries."



Above: Author A.C. Frieden coming out of his rental seaplane in Como, Italy. This was the first time Frieden, who is also a pilot, has flown a seaplane and performed a wide range of maneuvers, as well as several landings and takeoffs.

Frieden's first stop in Northern Italy was Como. "Como is one of those pristine places that look incredible from the ground and from the air," remarked Frieden after his seaplane fright from the lake. "The pictures I took will add to the quality and diversity of images for the upcoming aerial photography book, which should be out by 2011."

After a short stay in Como, Frieden drove to Verona, Italy, where he spent most of his time scoping venues in the downtown historical district. Though the Verona scenes he intends to add to his upcoming novel are still in a concept phase, Frieden is determined to twist the story's plot to include this elegant city, with its quaint streets and vestiges of Roman architecture.

Frieden's journey through northern Italy ended in Venice, where he added additional aerial photographs to his portfolio, including stunning pictures of the city, the surrounding lagoon and dozens of nearby islands and beaches. The photos will also be used in an upcoming aerial photography book.



Above: Author A.C. Frieden combing historical Verona for scenes for an upcoming novel. *Below:* A.C. Frieden takes a break along the Grand Canal in Venice.





Above: Author A.C. Frieden and a R44 helicopter at Lido Airport, near Venice, which he used for his aerial photography. Below: Aerial view of Venice taken by A.C. Frieden.



About the author: A.C. Frieden is a Swiss-Brazilian novelist, lawyer and pilot living in Chicago. He is currently working on two political novels and a book on aerial photography. For more information, visit his website at <u>www.acfrieden.com</u> and his literary travel blog.

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