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Novelist A.C. Frieden Researches New Thriller Scenes in New Orleans, Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, USA (Oct. 26, 2017) – Chicago-based novelist A.C. Frieden arrived in New Orleans, his latest research destination and the hometown of his fictional protagonist, maritime lawyer Jonathan Brooks. Frieden’s most recent thriller, *The Serpent’s Game*, featured action-packed scenes from New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina struck the city. His upcoming sequel, *The Pyongyang Option*, also includes several post-Katrina scenes. So it’s no surprise that Frieden is back in the Big Easy, searching for interesting locales to include in his next two installments of his spy thriller series. “The French Quarter is probably the most well-known part of the city,” said Frieden, “so I’m now focusing my research on bizarre, unique and off-the-beaten-path places—and there are plenty.”



(Photo above) Thriller author A.C. Frieden stands next to a New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) patrol car at the 8th Police District headquarters, which is responsible for the policing the historic French Quarter and the downtown Central Business District. NOPD officers assisted Frieden in his literary research for two of his Jonathan Brooks thrillers.

During his stay, Frieden also visited various parts of the Garden District and Uptown, places familiar to him from when he was a student at Loyola University College of Law. He also returned to the law school, walking into some of the classes, the library and the moot court room. “It brings back so many memories,” Frieden said. “It was especially fun to add scenes from the law school in my thriller *Tranquility Denied*. I will do something similar in future books of the series.”

His other research sites in the city this weekend included antique stores, an old bank, a few local shops, and a garage. These venues are intended to be part of an action scene in his upcoming thriller *Letter From Istanbul*. Frieden also inspected a two-block area off Julia Street, which is where his fictional character Jonathan Brooks in *The Serpent’s Game* has his law offices until it is looted during Hurricane Katrina.



(Above, left) A.C. Frieden shows a damage assessment map at the Hurricane Katrina Museum.
(Above, right) A streetcar passes by Loyola University, A.C. Frieden’s alma mater.



(Photo above) A panoramic view from inside one of New Orleans’ famous streetcars as it heads east along St. Charles Avenue in the city’s Garden District.

Frieden also spent some time at the Oak Alley Plantation, an antebellum estate built by French settlers. “The plantation is fascinating,” added Frieden. “But I’m not sure yet if and how this place may find its way into one of my upcoming novel. We’ll see.”



(Above) The historic Greenville Hall, built in 1889, faces St. Charles Avenue on the Broadway Campus of Loyola University, where novelist A.C. Frieden’s studied law.



(Above) A.C. Frieden stands on the balcony of the mansion at Oak Alley Plantation, a historic plantation located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, about an hour's drive west of New Orleans. The oak trees in the background are over 200 years old.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is an international author of mysteries and thrillers, including the acclaimed Jonathan Brooks series. He is also an attorney, private pilot, scuba instructor, martial artist, equestrian and former biologist and military sniper. For more information, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com or follow him on Twitter (@acfrieden), Instagram, Facebook or his various blogs.

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