

December 2002 Meeting

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THRILLER WRITER, BARRY EISLER

Here's our December speaker's agenda - *in his own words*

I'll talk about the interaction of characters, setting, and story, and how they play off each other to produce a novel. I'll offer some thoughts on how writers draw on their own eclectic interests and experiences to create compelling worlds of fiction. For example, *Rain Fall* grew in part out of my interests in espionage, Japan, jazz, the experience of killing, martial arts, politics, Vietnam, and other areas. I'll also talk about how to create suspense -- not just within the suspense genre, but within a good story generally. Passion provides the raw materials, but mining them requires technique. I'll talk about both.

And here is his Bio, borrowed from his website -

After graduating from Cornell Law School in 1989, Barry Eisler spent three years with the U.S. government. From 1992 to the present he has practiced various aspects of international law, including a year with the Japanese law firm of Hamada & Matsumoto in Tokyo and two years as in-house counsel at the Osaka headquarters of Matsushita Electric & Industrial Co., Ltd. Mr. Eisler earned his black belt in judo from the Kodokan International Judo Center in Tokyo. Today he lives (Menlo Park) and works in the San Francisco Bay Area and travels to Japan frequently on business. *Rain Fall* is his first novel.

This is the first thing that pops up at you when you visit www.barryeisler.com -



Rights to *Rain Fall* have been sold in Brazil,

France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Japan,

Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom,

as well as the United States.

Visit the Official Barry Eisler Website

www.barryeisler.com

There are twenty-two full reviews of his book. And, you can read Chapter One of *Rain Fall* by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page called "Books." It's in pdf format, so if you don't have (and don't want to get) Adobe Acrobat Reader, read it here at mostlyfiction.com.

Here are links to two print interviews with Barry Eisler -

by Jon Jordan (I think) at mysteryone.com

and another interview at onthemat.com (a fight zine)

This is a real gem! A seven+ minute (Real)audio [interview](#) by Andrew Meyer WBGO-FM 88.3 Newark Public Radio Inc.



Finally, here's an interesting [review](#) from his local area's weekly paper.



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