

Event REVIEW

Thriller writer **Neil Behrmann** visits the College

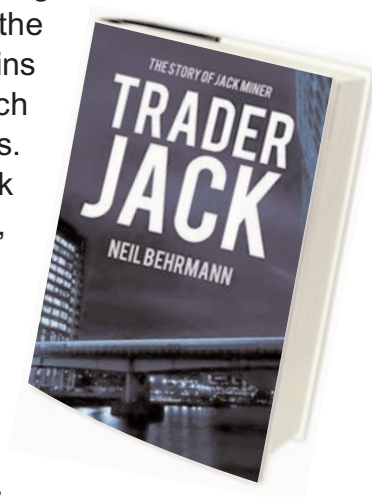
Financial journalist turned thriller writer Neil Behrmann came to the College on December 10th, at the invitation of the



Discovering Books course, to describe how he came to write a novel about financial roguery in the City. The creation of his central character was inspired, Neil told us, by the

actual case of a teenage trader who ended up being responsible for losing a hedge fund hundreds of millions of pounds. Over thirty students from the College listened to Neil's experiences including young people from the English GCSE course for the home-educated.

As a journalist Neil has an international reputation. Using his wide knowledge he was able to respond to some quite searching questions from the audience on the origins of the credit crunch and other mysteries. At the end of his talk he signed books, and made plans to visit a local school to talk about his children's book 'Butterfly Battle'.



**Richard Easterbrook &
Chris Wilcock, tutors**

A student on the 'Discovering Books' course said:

“Neil's talk was a lively, interactive and very entertaining event. It was particularly interesting to hear how his childhood experiences in South Africa had influenced both his novels: the children's book, “Butterfly Battle” and by contrast, his fast-paced, financial thriller “Trader Jack”.

Neil welcomed questions on his style and explained his techniques to make the financial, trading world more understandable and interesting to the average reader.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and would appeal to anyone studying literature or creative writing or those with an interest in how a book evolves, regardless of its subject matter.”

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