



Neil Turner Books Reader's Club

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Hello!

I hope everyone is ready for summer's official arrival on June 21st! I've been ready since December 21st, and maybe even before that. What the heck is the point of winter after Christmas, anyway?

What's on the agenda for this month's Reader's Club Update? You have two chances to win a free book this month! Hot Off the Press has a little teaser about Book Four, *A Time for Reckoning*, which will be released in December. I have received a "request" to ensure that *Deano's Corner* is a fixture of every Reader's Club Update. This was accompanied by a rather pointed warning that not doing so might have unwelcome consequences, so the mutt is back again this month.

A quick thank you to everyone for their part in keeping the momentum going for *A House on Liberty Street* and for helping to get *Plane in the Lake* off the ground, even if—spoiler alert!—the plane in the novel wasn't up there very long. Let's hope the book fares better. Speaking of how the books are faring, the reviews are good, but we could use a few more to entice readers into taking a chance on them. If you read and enjoyed one or both novels and haven't yet done so, please take a minute to leave a review.

And now, on with the show.

What's Tony Up To?

Hot Off the Press

A Case of Betrayal, the third Tony Valenti thriller, is on track for September release. I'm currently working on the cover with design wizard David Prendergast. Maybe you'll get a sneak peek at the new cover in next month's Reader's Club Update. Book four, *A Time for Reckoning*, is also coming along nicely. It seems that Tony is able to get himself into trouble in all manner of creative new ways, even when he is away from Cedar Heights and trying to avoid mischief. Where is he off to? What big issues is he wrestling with? All I can tell you is that it's going to be a pivotal story in the series. Stay tuned!



Win a **FREE Book!**

Goofs & Giggles

Ever do anything stupid? Embarrassing? I do all the time, always have. Still do—not that I'm about to reveal every single stupid thing I've ever done. Hmm. Now that I think of it, there are a *lot* of potential storylines down that avenue. But I digress. Send me a little

story about something silly or just plain dumb that you have done—one that makes for an amusing anecdote that a character might tell, or that might even be the basis for a scene. The rules? Just one. It should be laugh-out-loud funny in the telling. Best story wins a free copy of *A Case of Betrayal* as soon as it is ready for publication, which means up to a month before anyone else gets to see it! Submit your entry at info@neilturnerbooks.com. Good luck!



Tips for successfully coexisting with your humans

Deano's Corner

Let your humans teach you the odd stupid trick. Shake a paw. Roll over for them once in a while. Mimic them by walking on your hind legs. (Who knows why they do this? How do they sniff the ground?) As humiliating as it is to

be seen behaving like a human, do it occasionally just to please them. Sit up on your haunches now and again. They seem to like this, too. Why? I haven't got a clue. Train yourself to play catch. Humans love this game. You'll see them playing it amongst themselves, although eating is seldom involved—another of life's mysteries. At any rate, humans tend to be a competitive breed and often continue to play this game until most throws are caught. Teach them that you're at your best when food is involved. Yummy!

Tip: Never fall into the bad habit of performing tricks without receiving your just reward!



What's on Your Mind? Reader's Q & A

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send an email, please type *Reader's Club Q & A* in the subject line. Thank you!

Reader question from May 2021, with regards to *A House on Liberty Street*.

Q: Really cool premise! What are your thoughts on adapting this to movie/tv?

My answer (after having a good chuckle): I certainly haven't gotten that far ahead of myself! I have my hands full managing the release of Books 1 – 4 by the end of 2021! I am, however, open to media mogul offers. If there are movie or television folks reading this who have excess cash burning a hole in their pockets, I wouldn't say no to an all-expenses paid trip to LA to open negotiations.

That's it for this month, everyone. We'll see you in next month's Reader's Club Update or in the pages of one of my books. Speaking of which, I hope you've taken advantage of the offer to pick up your free copy of the Reader's Club exclusive novella, *Last Exit on the Road to Nowhere*, from my website, [here](#). Feel free to pass the offer along to anyone else who might want to take advantage of a no-cost introduction to my writing by signing up for the Reader's Club. Actually, speaking of that book, after I've been singing the praises of David the cover designer, I should point out—if only for the sake of David's reputation—that I created the cover for *Last Exit on the Road to Nowhere* myself. Yes, that does explain a lot.

As always, thanks for being a member of our Reader's Club.

Take care, be well, and happy reading,

Neil

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