



# NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB

Greetings!

What are the two most despicable words in the English language? I nominate Polar Vortex. It was -32C in Ottawa a few days ago. Yes! *Minus 32!* Thankfully, after a couple of days it retreated back where it belongs. In other positive meteorologic news, the days are growing noticeable longer. Spring may not yet be in the air, but it's coming!

I hope this month's update finds everyone well (and fully defrosted). As you know, I love hearing from readers. Here's a recent review for *A House on Liberty Street* that put a smile on my face (and warmed my frozen heart!):

[Kindle Customer](#)

[5.0 out of 5 stars Great book!](#)

Reviewed in the United States ☐☐ on January 15, 2023

[Verified Purchase](#)

One of the best books I have read in a long time. I would put this author's writing style as being up there with Grisham and Baldacci.

I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the books in the series.

Grisham and Baldacci? Nice company! Thank you for the kind comments!

We have plenty of book news this month, but that's not all. Deano has something he wants to get off his chest and, as always, a free eBook is up for grabs in our monthly Q & A.

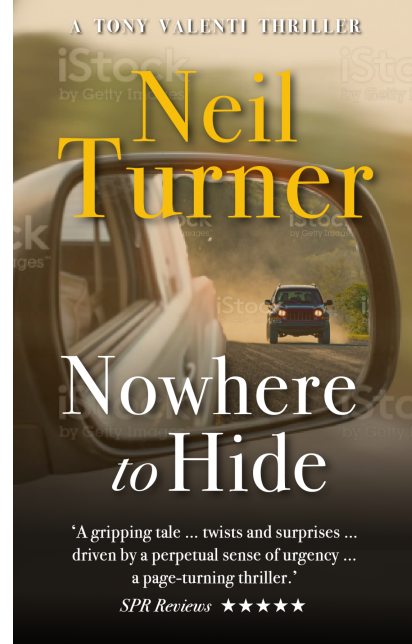
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**The Latest Tony Valenti News**

**Hot off the Press**

The seventh Tony Valenti Thriller, *Nowhere to Hide*, is now in the capable hands of my copy editor, so we're on target for a projected April 27th release date. As you can see, we're closing in on the final cover artwork but are not quite there yet. What do you think of the concept? I've also written the book description that will appear on the paperback and on the Amazon book page. This is such a difficult piece of writing. It's only a couple of hundred words, but you have no idea how many hours I labor away at it. Tossing off a one-hundred-thousand-word novel is easier! *Nowhere to Hide* will go on presale in a couple of weeks. Watch for an announcement on Goodreads and my social media channels.



**Winter ... is it over yet?????**

## Deano's Corner

Of all the inane human expressions, none is more offensive than this: *The Dog Days of Summer*. Many consider this a pejorative term. Just because we're in the depths of winter is no reason to let this outrage slide. I can't see anything wrong with a string of hot, lazy days spent lounging in the sun, but I'm just a simple canine—perhaps I'm missing something?

What's worse than feeling as if winter will never end? Nothing. And when does despair set in? February, a month eminently worthy of a pejorative name. What else is worthy of our contempt? Felines. I move that we anoint February *The Cat Days of Winter*. Brrr. Shudder. Oh, the horror of it all! Attributing these dark days to the feline menace just makes sense. Let's start a movement!

A quick editorial note here: The views of a certain four-legged Reader's Club Update contributor are not necessarily those of

management, so please don't inundate our inbox with outraged cat aficionado rants. Thank you. 😊

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## **A peek behind the curtain ... Twice!**

### **Behind the Scenes**

Do you spend time on Goodreads? I've finally explored it in more depth and am utilizing my Goodreads author profile a little more. I've been pleasantly surprised by its ability to connect me with readers, other authors, and a wide variety of books. If you're curious about what I'm reading, my thoughts on those books, and the occasional blog post, visit my page and follow me [here](#).



I can't tell you how many times I've been asked when the Tony Valenti Thrillers will be published as audio books. I'm exploring the possibility but can't say when this might happen. There are ways to do it on the cheap, but that's not my way of going about things. The experience for listeners is greatly enhanced by having the story read by a good narrator, and we all know quality people come at a cost (and deservedly so!). I'm in touch with a few of them and will let you know if and when I have news to share.

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## **Win a free eBook!**

### **Monthly Q & A**

Q: Why doesn't Tony ever think about people from previous books? I'd like him better if he didn't simply move on all the time without a thought or care for the people he's left behind.

A: What a great question! As much as I'd like to revisit past

situations and characters—and I frequently find myself doing that during first drafts—I have to be very careful. I want readers to understand character motivation, and the easiest way to do so is by referring to things that happened in earlier books. The issue is that many readers find their way to the series in later books, then circle back to read the earlier novels. So, the trick is to explain the

present without giving away the ending of a novel or the resolution of a significant plot thread—the dreaded spoiler. Sometimes it simply can't be done.

Do you have a question for me? Please send it via the *Contact* page on my [website](#) or send an email to [info@neilturnerbooks.com](mailto:info@neilturnerbooks.com). If you send an email, please type *Reader's Club Q & A* in the subject line. Thank you!

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That's it for this month. Thanks for being a member of our Reader's Club!

Take care, be well, and happy reading,

Neil



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