



NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB



Festive greetings!

I hope this finds you well. Holiday shopping all done? I'm delighted to announce that I'm pretty much finished! For those of you who know me well, we'll pause here for a moment while you pick yourselves up off the floor and dust yourselves off. All set? Away we go...

So, Christmas shopping. How many of you are gifting a book this year? All of you, I hope (and I don't mean to suggest it should be one of my books—there are so many good choices out there for every taste). Given all the craziness surrounding us these days, inside the pages of a good book is a great place to be, and I daresay people who are well-read don't stir up as much trouble as others ... unless their local bookstore closes—then all bets are off!

Now that *The Secrets She Buried* is out in the world (more about that below) and the launch day/week/month hysteria is winding down, I've been able to settle into writing the next book in the series, *Nowhere to Hide*, and am making encouraging progress. Look for it next April, with presale opening two to three months prior, depending on how the cover progresses. Yep, already working on that, and have an editor lined up (and an impressive one at that!).

In the *Behind the Scenes* feature this month, I'm going to share some fun facts about how my books are faring out there in the world. Sometimes I pinch myself, though not *too* hard.

Speaking of books out in the world, last month I invited you to check out a thriller author I enjoy, Larry A. Winters. I'm gratified that the response was enthusiastic, so this is something I plan to do again from time to time. For anyone who missed it, check out Larry's Jessie Black Legal Thriller series [here](#), and get a free bonus book [here](#).

Read on to see what's happening this month.



I may slip a little something into your stocking...

Keep an eye on your email

As I did last year, I'll be sending a free gift to Reader's Club members a few days before Christmas. For those of you who were with us last year, this will be a do over, but for the vast majority of Reader's Club members, this will be something new. (Note to self: come up with something different for next year).

I love this!

What readers are saying

One of the readers Larry sent my way last month binge read the entire Tony Valenti series and posted this review after completing *The Secrets She Buried*:

5.0 out of 5 stars **Now I can get some housework done!!**

Reviewed in Australia on 29 November 2022

Verified Purchase

I have been reading this series one book after the other ... I liked the characters from the start and the humor that is usually on each page mixed up with all the action. Great series.

From Neil: Thank you! I hope those dust bunnies are back under control.



Win a Free Book

Monthly Q & A



What's on *your* mind? Submit a question. I'll answer one reader question in every Reader's Club Update. If I choose yours, I'll send you a free ebook copy of my next novel. Please send your questions by email to info@neilturnerbooks.com or via

the [Contact](#) page on my website. If you send an email, please type *Reader's Club Q & A* in the subject line. Thank you!

Here's this month's question and answer.

Q: How much of your personality/character goes into the making of Tony Valenti's character for your stories?

A: I'm asked this fairly often; it's a great question. Tony is a composite of several people I've known over the years. My sensibilities and warped sense of humour certainly inform the creation of Tony and how he navigates his way through life. I draw on personal experience when attempting to express his emotional reactions, so there's a little of me in those moments. His height and volleyball prowess, however, are pure fiction with *no* connection to my life, as evidenced by the masterful work of art above. I hope this answers your question, Joy. Thanks for asking!

Let's Party!

Behind the Scenes

It was one year ago this month, with the release of my fourth Tony Valenti thriller, *A Time for Reckoning*, that I seriously leaned into building a writing career. My goals were modest and my expectations were low. I



mean, who knows how to do something like that? Yet I was hopeful and determined to make a go of it, dadgummit! The biggest thing I had going in my favour was a steadfast commitment to giving it an honest-to-goodness shot, but I never dreamed things would go as well as they have in year one. Thousands of people are reading Tony Valenti thrillers every month, the books are charting, and I'm thrilled to be hearing from readers all over the world almost every single day. How cool is that?

And who do I have to thank for that, dear readers? *You*. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I look at the Amazon Best Seller lists some days and see one of my books surrounded by novels written by some of my idols, and I feel so blessed. Kindle Unlimited keeps track of how many pages are read in the books through Kindle Unlimited, which is a fun statistic to follow. The page reads for the Tony Valenti Thrillers in November topped out at an incredible 934,875. Can we hit one million in a single month? Of course we can—and when we do, the credit will go to readers like you. I'm not sure exactly how we'll celebrate that, but I'll come up with something. Let me know if you have any ideas.

I mentioned last month that *A House on Liberty Street* was headed for the Amazon Prime reading program. Anyone who is an Amazon Prime member is able to read a rotating selection of curated books at no charge. *A House on Liberty Street* will be among those free reads on and off until the end of March. It's a great way for someone to sample the series opener risk-free!



Where in the Book?

This little store in Chicago is mentioned in my novel *Scared Silent*. A new character introduced in the book is late to a meeting with Tony because she lost track of time in *KAPOW!* The contest question is: Who's the character?

How many of you could easily get lost in a store like this? Do you have something similar where you live? If so, please share so others can stop in.

That's it for this month, folks. Thanks for being a member of our

Readers Club!

Take care, be well, happy reading, and Happy Holidays. See you in 2023!

Neil

P.S. Don't forget to keep an eye out for your Christmas gift!



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