



NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB

Greetings!

Yippee! Spring is upon us: Daylight Savings Time, melted ice, suntans, sunburns, plants in bloom, hatchlings that become ducklings, fawns, and *booklings*—more on *that* later. We've had an uneventful winter in Ottawa so far—I hope don't jinx us by saying so! Let's hope this year's weather is less extreme than what we experienced in 2023. I think we could all use a chance to catch our collective breath after last year. As for the Turner writing factory, we're in the midst of the madness that presages a book launch: final editing, marketing, proofreading the final editing, more marketing, another round of proofreading, the final proofreading, and last-minute promotional planning. As I said, madness, but it's always nice to usher a brand new bookling into the world (yes, bookling *is* a word—I coined it today!). We have a boatload of promotions to tell you about this month, a little more on the upcoming release of *A Law Unto Itself*, a brief piece on writers and writing, and, as always, a free book is up for grabs in the monthly Reader's Club Q & A. I have a lengthy list of free copies of *A Law Unto Itself* to send to previous winners, and they're going to get their books before everyone else! There's still time for one more winner, so get your entries in soon. And I haven't even mentioned a second opportunity to win a free book in our *Where in the Book* feature, which is up first. Read on!

Win a FREE eBook!

Where in the Book?

Where the heck in this? It's mentioned in multiple books and is visited in one. Hint: The Valenti ancestral home is located here. Rocks instead of soil, precipitous hills instead of flat fields ... add wild weather and stir. *Prima* farming land!





The Latest Tony Valenti News

Hot Off the Press

The big news is the pending release of *A Law Unto Itself* on April 16th, but more of the series is in the news this month, as well. Amazon selected

Nowhere to Hide, the seventh book in the series, as a monthly Kindle Deal for March in Canada and the USA. It's available for \$2.99. Amazon has also selected *A House on Liberty Street* for some love. It will be a Kindle Daily Deal at only \$1.49 on March 21st. Unfortunately, this deal is also only available in Canada and the USA. The rest of you should complain! I have.

Audiobook releases continue at the rate of one every several weeks, with *A Case of Betrayal* being the latest novel to be brought to life by the buttery-smooth narration of the phenomenal Gary Bennett. Tony and Gary are shaping up to be quite a couple! The deals on the audiobooks are too numerous to list here. Check out Tony at your favorite audiobook retailer.

Let's close this feature the way we started, with *A Law Unto Itself*. A Goodreads giveaway for a free copy will launch sometime in the next few days and run until release day. I'll provide more information about this on my Facebook page as it becomes available. In addition to the free stuff, we'll be putting the new novel on sale for the first month after publication, pricing that will also apply to presale purchases. Reserve your copy [here](#).

A Peek Behind the Curtain

Behind the Scenes

One of the joys of being an author is belonging to the wonderful community of writers. I correspond regularly with several talented writers, commiserating on the woes and joys of our somewhat insane vocation. They're always a source of inspiration, news, and tips, and can be counted on to share wacky and/or insightful perspectives on the written word. In addition to the people I correspond with directly, there's a big old world of other writers to connect with. They're generous souls who are quick to share their experience and



knowledge with all comers, and they do so with big hearts and sunny smiles. Collectively, these people are my literary clan, and I'm both happy and greatly blessed to be a part of it. One of my favorite moments with my writing pals is hearing the news that they've finished a new book, released a new novel, or landed a great deal on audiobooks and the like. This month I was thrilled by the news that my writing buddy Larry Winters is powering through the twelfth Jessie Black Legal Thriller, and I do mean powering through. Some books come relatively easily; others are dragged kicking and screaming across the finish line. (Take it from me, I know a guy who just wrestled a bear of a book called *A Law Unto Itself* into submission.) Kudos to Larry for hanging in there with this one. I'm sure it will be another winner. Writing pal Gregg Bell has completed a draft of *The Perfect Prosecutor*, the next novel in his Ike Thompson Legal Thriller series. The first book in the series, *The Perfect Lawyer*, was a terrific read. I'm eagerly anticipating both upcoming books! While you're waiting, any book by Larry or Gregg is a good read.



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Reader's Club Q & A

What's on *your* mind? Ask away! I'll answer one reader question in every Reader's Club Update. If I choose yours, I'll send you a

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Here's this month's question and answer:

Q: Does writing energize or exhaust you?

A: Both. Creating a new story from whole cloth is exciting and fun, so it fills me with energy. After all, I want to find out how it ends! Then I settle in for several rounds of editing to shape the story. This is also fun. Think of it as an artist shaping clay on a pottery wheel: a nip here, a tuck there, and occasionally hacking off whole pieces and reimagining them. But then the creative joy grinds to a halt and the nitty gritty editing begins. This, though necessary and rewarding in its own way, wears me out. By the time I finally upload the completed manuscript, I'm exhausted. But then I get jazzed—it's time to create another story!

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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