



Neil Turner Books Reader's Club

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Hello!

I hope all of you are well in the midst of this crazy summer. My thanks once again for reading my novels, as well as your kind feedback and reviews. After the frenetic pace I set for myself in the spring, it's been nice to squeeze in a little R & R over the last month. Things are still progressing with Tony and friends, as you'll discover in this month's update, but at a more sensible pace.

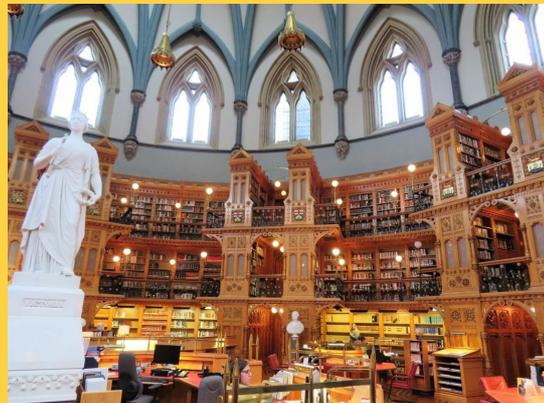
What's on the agenda for this month's Reader's Club Update? As always, you have a chance to win a free book. I'll introduce a novel that had a significant impact on me. We'll also talk travel. "What's that?" you say. Something we all used to do and look forward to doing again! You'll get a sneak peek at the cover for *A Case of Betrayal*, the third Tony Valenti thriller. I'm afraid Deano is taking the month off, so no July Deano's Corner feature. There is, however, Doggy news brewing!

And now, on with the show.

Add this to your travel itinerary

Show Libraries Some Love!

Now that we can start making travel plans, let's talk libraries! The world is full of great ones that are tempting travel destinations for bibliophiles everywhere. From time to time, we'll feature them here. Perhaps you can include a great library in your plans when visiting a city with one of these treasures. It's only fitting that I begin by selecting an incredible institution from right here in my own backyard, Ottawa's Library of Parliament.



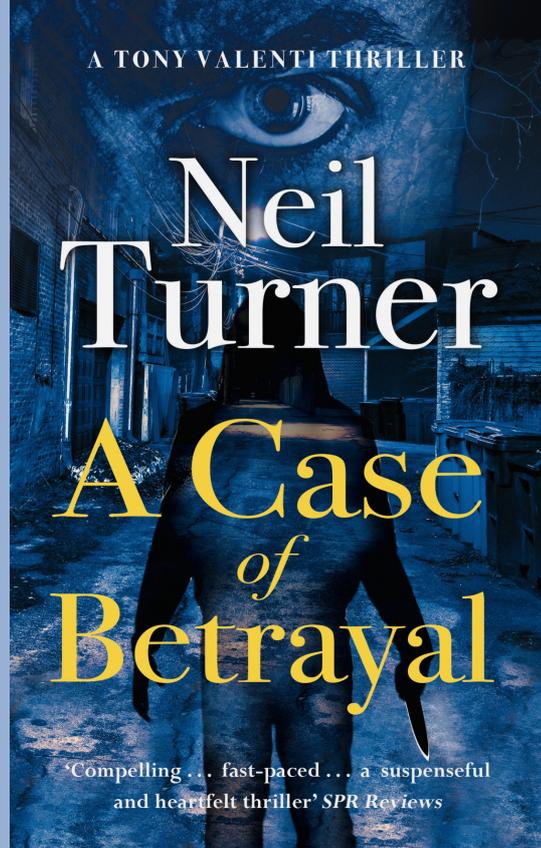
This is a library in which you will *not* find a Tony Valenti Thriller. It is, as the title suggests, the library of the Parliament of Canada, where the history of the country and its politics is curated and preserved. It is an important source of information that is used by Canada's elected representatives in crafting and researching legislation, ably supported by an exceptionally knowledgeable and professional staff. It is also a stunning piece of architecture. Be sure to visit if you find yourself in Ottawa. The library is located on Parliament Hill.

What's Tony Up To?

Hot Off the Press

The cover design for *A Case of Betrayal* is complete. Designer David Prendergast has once again done an outstanding job—he even managed to scare me in the process! It's a decidedly more ominous design, which fits with the somewhat darker subject matter of this story. Let me know what you think. (Ignore the old blurb on the bottom. It's a placeholder for a pending review excerpt).

Speaking of *A Case of Betrayal*, production is on track for its September 1 release date. If all goes smoothly, pre-sale should begin on or about August 1. Reader's Club members will be the first to hear the final details.



The Day of the Jackal by Frederick Forsyth

What's on My Bookshelf?

While I enjoy all kinds of books, thriller is the genre I'm most drawn to as a reader and writer. Much as we tend to look back fondly on elements of our lives, such as the first time we're included in what seems like an adult activity, or perhaps our first kiss and first lover, I gaze back fondly upon reading *The Day of the Jackal* as the day my eyes opened to the power of a well-written, riveting thriller. Mr. Forsythe went on to write numerous other outstanding thrillers that I also enjoyed — I've read hundreds, perhaps thousands of other excellent thrillers over the years. Yet this story stays with me.



It's the tale of an assassin hired by a dissident group to kill French President Charles De Gaulle. Forsythe steadily cranks the tension ever higher as the would-be assassin is identified by French security forces and the race begins to locate and stop him before he completes his mission. The action is fast, the story credible, and the main characters are well-drawn—the winning elements in any successful thriller. I read this again not too long ago and thoroughly enjoyed it all over again, confirming that a good book is timeless.

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

Win a Book!

Monthly Reader's Club 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 copy of my next book! Please send your questions via the [Contact](#) page on my website or send an email to info@neilturnerbooks.com. If you send an email, please type *Reader's Club Q & A* in the subject line. Thank you!



Reader question from June 2021: *Are Editorial Reviews the same as Reader Reviews?*

No, they are not. Reader reviews are left by readers after they finish reading a novel. An editorial review is produced by a professional book reviewer. These are the reviews you'll generally find quoted on book covers, in publicity campaigns, inside novels, and on author and publisher websites. They are produced by media companies (newspapers and the like) and publications that specialize in literature. I received a very nice review of *Plane in the Lake* this month from the highly respected Midwest Book Reviews. The reviews from Self-Publishing Reviews and Indie Reviews for *Plane in the Lake* and *A House on Liberty Street* are also examples of editorial reviews.

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

Take care, be well, and happy reading!

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