



NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB

Happy New Year!

Thank you for your support in 2022. I hope everyone saw last year out in style, and let's hope 2023 is a great year. Let me pause here to reflect on yet more wild weather. If you've been affected, know that you are in our collective thoughts and prayers. I suppose it's a testament to how insane things are that I seem to be saying this almost every month. Rain, rain, go away! (snow and wind too!)

So. 2023. I'm looking forward to bringing you a least two Tony Valenti thrillers this year, and hopefully a few surprises. I'll have more to say on that topic in our *Hot Off the Press* feature. Deano is back this month, we have a terrific recipe to share, you can solve a new "Where in the book?" challenge, and, as always, an eBook is up for grabs in our monthly Q & A. I hope one of our Reader's Club members was a winner in the Book Sweeps draw I told you about last week. If so, please let me know!

Read on to see what's happening this month.



Where in the book is Clow International Airport?

Francesco "Papa" Valenti was spirited away in the dead of night from this suburban Chicago-area airport in Bolingbrook, Illinois. In which Tony Valenti thriller did that take place?

Yum, Yum!

Food Fight!

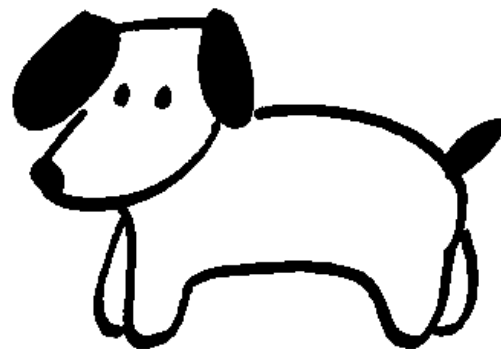
Thank you to Stephanie for sharing the recipe for this tasty treat. Look for it in my upcoming novel, *Nowhere to Hide*. Stephanie wins a free eBook copy of my next novel!

Pecan Tassies: Let one 3oz pkg Cream Cheese and $\frac{1}{2}$ c butter soften; blend together. Stir in 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour. Chill 1 hour. Shape in 2 dozen 1 inch balls; place in ungreased $1\frac{3}{4}$ -inch muffin pans; press dough against bottom and sides. Beat together 1 egg, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar, 1 tablespoon softened butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla and a dash of salt, until smooth. Divide $\frac{1}{3}$ cup coarsely broken pecans among "tarts"; add egg mixture. Top with $\frac{1}{3}$ cup coarsely broken pecans. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes or until filling is set. Cool. Remove from pans. Makes 2 dozen (which is really not enough!)

A Deanography? Is that a thing?

Deano's Corner

Are any of you feeling a little guilty about this hideous lead-in graphic of far and away the most fascinating, witty, and charming item in the pantheon of Reader's Club features? If you have a grain of artistic ability, you *should* feel awful for not rescuing me from the afore-mentioned atrocity. I begged for a replacement graphic in the Deano Challenge, and what happened? Crickets! No one stepped forward to meet the challenge. What an insult—not to



mention a waste of a superlative begging effort that could have been more profitably spent seeking foodstuffs! If I can talk Turner into running another Deano challenge, who will ride to my rescue? Declare yourselves!

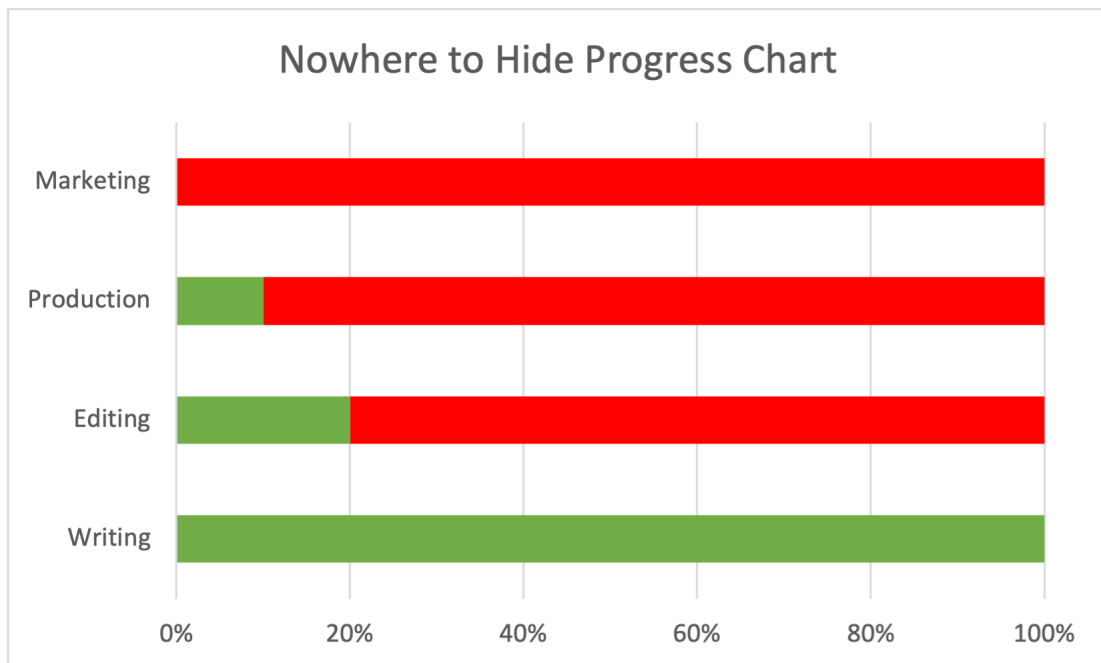
Okay, I'm finished venting. For the moment.

I've been thinking about this writing business. After all, this Turner guy does it ... how hard can it be? I've been pondering penning a little something myself. Maybe a memoir. Perhaps an autobiography. Or, taking my lack of opposable thumbs into consideration, should I simply have this Turner fellow write my authorized biography? After watching the poor man dither his way through one tall tale after another, perhaps I should give him a chance to write something meaningful instead of just making stuff up all the time. What do you think? Hit reply and let me know.

The latest Tony Valenti news

Hot Off the Press

I completed the first draft of the seventh Tony Valenti Thriller, *Nowhere to Hide*, as a bit of a Christmas gift to myself. I'm almost through the first bout of editing. After several more rounds, I expect revisions to be complete by late March, which puts us on track for a late April release. We're working on a cover concept that I'm pretty jazzed about. If it's finalized in time, *Nowhere to Hide* will go on presale late this month. Here's a progress chart, which I'll update as we go.



Win a free eBook!

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 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. Thanks, Ashleigh!

Q: What's your favorite movie, and why?

A: I've enjoyed many movies over the years; selecting just one is incredibly difficult. However, when pressed to do so, I selected the Steven Spielberg classic, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Why? Because I enjoyed it! The movie was entertaining and thought-provoking (I'll return to this), the casting was excellent, the cinematography and special effects were outstanding—especially for its time, the film still looks great—and the film was laced with laugh-out-loud humor to relieve tension and humanize the characters. Any time I'm fortunate enough to get out of the city where I can see layer upon layer of stars twinkling in the night sky, I find myself wondering what's out there in the vastness of space. And, as I gaze up in wonder, what do I hear?



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

Take care, be well, and happy reading,

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