



NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB

Greetings!

I hope this find everyone well and that those of you in the Northern Hemisphere had a nice summer. To the folks on the bottom of the world, Happy Spring! For the characters *waaay* up here in The Great White North, it's time to start thinking about switching out sandals for bulky boots, swapping summer tires for the winter variety, and exploring warm weather winter getaways. Personally, my thoughts are turning to mailing my annual wish list even farther north than Ottawa. 😊 There isn't much writing news of interest to report, aside from receiving publication dates for the first four audiobooks (more on that next month), so I think a road trip is in order! I'll also tell you a little about the reading I've been doing, and we'll see if we can give away a book or two. Read on!

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Where in the Book?

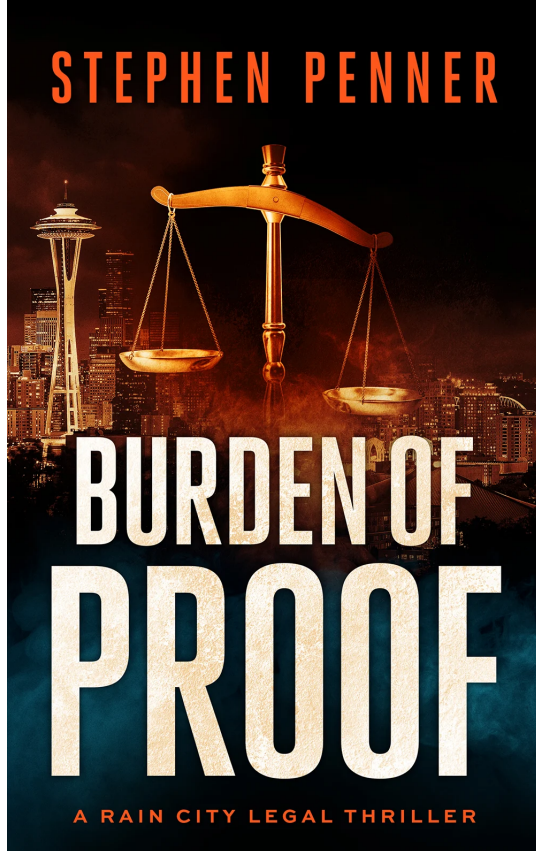
In my novel *Scared Silent*, Tony and Chippy meet at this zoo west of downtown Chicago, which is referred to in the story as Chicago's "other" zoo. (Personally, I love both of them.) What's the name of this zoo? Reply to this email with your answer. I'll select one winner from the correct entries.



Stephen Penner

What's Neil Reading?

As those of you who've been with us for a while know, I do a lot of reading and like to share



books and authors. Occasionally, an author friend and I believe that our respective audiences will enjoy each other's work, so we decide to do a cross promotion. Steve Penner is a prolific writer of excellent legal thrillers that I enjoy reading, and I think Tony's readers will, as well. As I do, Steve offers a free short story if you sign up for his newsletter, and he invites you to do so [here](#). Steve's books are also in Kindle Unlimited. Check out his Amazon [author page](#). I'm including my review of the second book in his Rain City Legal Thriller series (his *third* series!). Here it is:

Before a rich new client walks into his law office, Attorney Daniel Raine has lost his partner, family, and potentially his livelihood. The divorce case of his new client is a welcome windfall that promises to keep Daniel's practice afloat for a time, but things go off the rails in a hurry when his client is arrested for the murder of her rich husband. Author Stephen Penner does a superb job bringing his engaging characters to life while keeping the pace of the story crisp and uncluttered. Hot shot realtor Rebecca Sommers is a novel choice to be Daniel's legal sidekick, adding tremendous entertainment value to her surprisingly effective assistance. *Burden of Proof* is a taut, exciting legal thriller that continues a promising new series from one of the more prolific legal thriller authors in the business.

Picnic Recipe!

Our September food fight winner

Our thanks to Reader's Club member, Barbara! She got this recipe from a chef on a mountaintop near Tbilisi, Georgia:

Georgian Beet Salad:

About 8-10 smallish fresh beets, boiled until almost soft, "slip skinned" under running



cold water and chopped into small pieces

3/4 cup pitted prunes, cut into small pieces

3/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

1 small clove garlic, minced

Mayonnaise (about 1 cup - the same as you would put in a potato salad)

1/2-3/4 tsp salt

Pepper to taste

Combine everything well and chill thoroughly.



Calgary, Alberta

Road Trip!

I set some of my most recent novel, *Nowhere to Hide*, in Calgary, a city I called home for many years. I thought you might enjoy seeing a few pictures, past and present, including a couple that feature in the novel. In fact, I enjoyed the trip down memory lane so much that I'm planning to visit next spring.

The building to the left is the Calgary Courts Centre, where some of the legal action in *Nowhere to Hide* took place.

This was the skyline when I first arrived in Calgary. The Calgary Tower was built in 1967 and dominated the skyline for many years.



...and here's today's skyline. The tower (in the middle here) is no longer visible from many angles.



A CTrain on a Calgary street. Tony was shocked to discover that service in the downtown core is free.



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Reader's Club Q & A

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Here's this month's question and answer:

Q: What do you think makes a good story?

A: I could go on forever here, but I won't ... don't think I didn't hear that big sigh of relief out there, readers! □ I'll answer this with my reader's hat on. I appreciate a book that entertains me, teaches me a thing or two, and allows me to spend time with characters I identify and engage with. A good book carries us away to a world with adventures limited only by the author's imagination. How cool is that?

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

Take care, be well, and happy reading,



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