

Greetings!

I hope this finds everyone well. I'd like to wish all the fathers and grandfathers out there a Happy Father's Day. I hope you're all properly spoiled, fed, and watered to celebrate. I'd also like to welcome the several hundred new Reader's Club members who have joined us over the last couple of months. Welcome!

It's been a busy month and I'm looking forward to slowing things down for the summer. I'm thrilled that *Nowhere to Hide*, the seventh Tony Valenti thriller, has been well received. My thanks to all of you for successfully getting it off the launch pad, and for welcoming Tony and his friends into your lives as the series has grown. I'll have a little more to say about *Nowhere to Hide* below.

I'll be off to Europe at the end of the month. Suggestions for sights to see and places to experience in Copenhagen, Visby, Riga, Helsinki, Stockholm, Berlin, and Kiel are welcome!

Read on for more news and a chance to win a free eBook.

Nowhere to Hide

Hot off the Press

I'm humbled by the fact that each Tony Valenti Thriller breaks new sales ground. Over a thousand people read *Nowhere* to *Hide* within the first two



weeks of publication; small potatoes compared to the big names and publishing houses, but gratifying to a lowly independently published writer. This is due to my loyal readers and the kind reviews readers post on Goodreads, Amazon, and elsewhere. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Here's a few 5-star reader reviews of *Nowhere to* Hide that put a big, goofy smile on my face:

"Great read! I love this series and it just seems to get better & better!!"

"This book is not about murder and mayhem, but it is full of suspense. I could not put this one down. Heartwarming and you want to step in and help. You are so pulled into this story you feel like you are right there with them. Excellent read."

"Nowhere to Hide" by Neil Turner is the seventh book of The Tony Valenti Thrillers series and definitely did not disappoint. Turner did a fabulous job of creating a storyline full of mystery, intriguing characters, and was almost impossible to put down. If you love books full of action, adventure, and thrills, then this is a must read! You won't be disappointed!"

"It's 2:00 am... just finished "Nowhere to Hide". Warning: this book is impossible to put down. It was well written with a plot that took many twists and turns that required a little head scratching on my end. The entire series is terrific and the characters are inspiring in times that few inspire."

If you haven't yet picked up your copy of *Nowhere to Hide*, you may wish to do so right away—the new release discount pricing ends soon. If you're curious about the writing process, you may be interested in a guest blog post I wrote for New-in-Books a few weeks ago. Check it out here.



ThrillerFest

Behind the Scenes

I had the pleasure of attending the International Thriller Writer's annual ThrillerFest writers' convention in New York City at the beginning of June.

What's a writer's convention? you may wonder. There are numerous workshops, author panels where well-established authors share their thoughts, extensive networking opportunities, and many vendors on hand to tell us about their tools and services. That's all interesting, but the heart of the week for me is the opportunity to socialize with other authors. While we writers receive plenty of support from friends and family, it's a delight to spend time with folks who share our strange obsession. I was especially grateful this year for the chance to workshop with Meg Gardiner, who is as gracious and helpful as she is talented. Meg offered some terrific insights and suggestions for a manuscript I dug out of the

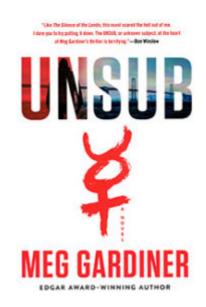
sock drawer for the occasion. I haven't yet decided if it's going right back into the sock drawer or not. \odot

Recommended Reading

What's Neil Reading?

Speaking of Meg Gardiner, in anticipation of the workshop in New York, I decided to revisit some of Meg's books. Here's my review of her crime novel, *UNSUB*.

In the hands of a great storyteller, which Meg Gardiner surely is, serial killer thrillers are great vehicles to carry a story. *UNSUB* by Gardiner certainly fits the bill. The writing is crisp, and



Gardiner gives us an outstanding protagonist, Detective Caitlin Hendrix, with issues galore to overcome. *UNSUB* features a terrific supporting cast, and just enough back story to inform us of how deeply this crime haunts Caitlin and her now retired father, a former detective. This raises the stakes even higher. Has the notorious killer known as The Prophet returned, or is a copy-cat at work? There are twists, turns, and surprises aplenty as Gardiner takes us on a thrilling roller-coaster ride that also finds room to probe the depths of family relationships and the ways in which we often fail to understand the pain of those we're closest to. *UNSUB* is a rich and rewarding read that will leave you thinking about it long after you turn the final page. Highly recommended ... and there are more books in the series!



Win a FREE book!

Monthly Q&A

Q: Who designs your book covers and how do you decide what to put on them?

A: As with most things to do with a published novel, covers are a team effort. For the first novel, *A House on Liberty Street*, I engaged the services of

David Prendergast, who is an excellent cover designer based in Dublin. We established the look of the series in terms of layout and fonts, a concept that I've used with every novel in the series. The graphics for each novel are selected to dramatize a pivotal moment of tension in the story. I occasionally fantasize about having the graphic arts chops to do the covers myself, but, hey, who am I kidding? Stick men brandishing stick guns might not sell very well outside of the cartoon aisle.

Please send your questions via the *Contact* page on my <u>website</u> or send an email to <u>info@neilturnerbooks.com</u>. If you send an email, please type Reader's Club Q & A in the subject line. Thank you!

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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