



Neil Turner Books Reader's Club

Greetings!

Spring is finally in the air, even way up here in Ottawa! I hope you're all doing well. Thanks to everyone who got in on the *Plane in the Lake* BookBub Featured Deal last month. It was a roaring success. With COVID mandates loosening their grip on us, are your thoughts turning to travel? I'm thinking about it. A writing conference is on the agenda for the end of May, and a trip to Chicago is in the works for this summer. Fingers crossed! In anticipation of travel, I've highlighted another great library this month. There's also a little book news, a peek behind the curtain, and a terrific reader question. Let's get right to it.

The Latest Tony Valenti Thriller News

Hot Off the Press

We're gearing up for the release of *Scared Silent*, book five in the Tony Valenti thriller series. Due to a few unforeseen issues on my end, the release date has been postponed until April 27th. The eBook entered pre-sale over the weekend, and the paperback will be out in a few weeks. What's it about? Here's the back cover copy:



His choices: prison or death. Which scares him more?

When fifteen-year-old Denzel Payton is charged with the murder of a disabled veteran at a homeless camp, he's trapped in a no-win situation: remain silent and risk almost certain conviction, or name the real killer and face the wrath of a monster who terrifies him.

After Denzel's attorney is murdered, lawyers Tony Valenti and Penelope Brooks step up to defend him, despite the risk of becoming the killer's next targets. As the evidence against their client mounts and potential defense witnesses vanish, Tony and Penelope race to unravel a dark secret that may hold the key to the case. They'll need smarts, guts, and a little luck to save Denzel.

I hope you think it sounds intriguing. In other writing-related news, *Plane in the Lake*, book two of the series, will be the Kobo Featured Deal on March 20. The novel will be offered at a great price on Kobo for that day only.



Go Ahead. Have a peek!

Behind the Curtain

It's common for readers and other writers alike to ask about an author's "process" when writing. I sat in on a writer's event recently where a reasonably well-known author was asked where he writes. The answer? In the *bathtub!* Now, I recall singing in the bathtub, but writing? Wow. Another hotly-debated topic amongst the writers was where music fits into their writing routine. About fifty percent of the writers in that session indicated they're dead set against it—"I can't concentrate on the page!"—and the rest of us can't imagine writing *without* music playing in the background. Music has always been one of my happy places. You may have noticed that it tends to crop up in my stories on a fairly regular basis. I've been toying with a new story that plays with song titles in its set-up. I like it so far. It isn't a Tony story, so it would be a change of pace. We'll see where it goes. I'm also writing the sixth Tony Valenti thriller, which is tentatively scheduled for release this autumn.

Seattle Gem

Give Libraries Some Love

The Central Branch of the Seattle Public Library, which opened in 2004, is an architectural marvel and, like all public libraries, is a terrific meeting place and public resource staffed by some of our favorite people--librarians. Seattle is deeply committed to its public libraries, which undoubtedly explains why the city has one of the finest library systems around. Check it out if you're ever around the downtown area.



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Here's the question and answer from February.

Q: What's your favorite under-appreciated novel?

A: This is a tough one to answer. There are so many! Rather than make myself crazy trying to work that out, I looked at my bookshelves. Based on that somewhat less than exhaustive research, I'm going to select the novel *Lunatics* by Bradley Denton. In my humble opinion, Denton himself is vastly under-appreciated. He can cook up a wildly entertaining story out of elements that would never in a million years occur to most of us. If you're a Tom Robbins fan, you get it. This book is funny, it's deep, it's irreverent, it's poignant, it's off-the-wall wacky, and yet, it is an evocative examination of love won, love lost, and love celebrated. If you decide to read it, drop me a line to let me know what you think.

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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