



Neil Turner Books Reader's Club

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Thank you! A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make the eBook launch of *A House on Liberty Street* a resounding success, *and* to all of you who have purchased a paperback copy since it quietly entered the world in February. I was very excited to be notified that the book was listed as a featured Best New Release on Reedsy Discovery in the UK. *Blimey!* Reader reviews continue to trickle in on Goodreads and retail sites, and I'm happy to report that the lowest score thus far is 4 out of 5 stars. (Where *did* that fifth star get to????)

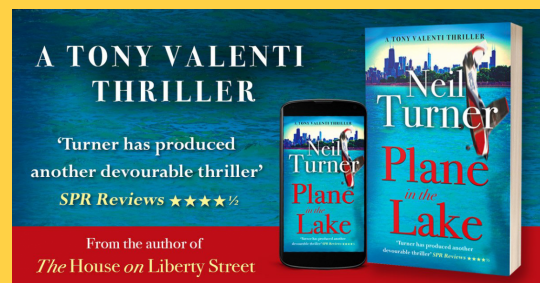
Keep reading to discover how to claim a special FREE BOOK for Reader's Club members, learn about a novel I love written by one of my favorite authors, find out what's on Deano's mind this month and, as always, you have a chance to win a free book by asking a question in our Reader Q & A.

And now, on with the rest of this month's Reader's Club Update, starting with the biggest of big news (at least in my little world)!

A NEW Book!

Hot Off the Press!

The official release date for the second Tony Valenti Thriller, *Plane in the Lake*, is June 1st. I hope everyone who enjoyed *A House on Liberty Street* will find *Plane in the Lake* to be an equally good read. Will there be a limited time discount available? If so, Reader's Club members will be the first to know! Speaking of tips for Reader's Club members, I quietly published *Plane in the Lake* in paperback last weekend and the eBook is available for pre-sale. If you'd like to be among the first to read *Plane in the Lake*, it's available [here](#).



Did someone say, "FREE book?"

Hot Off the Press #2!

In our April update, I told you that I had finished writing a prequel novella that would be an exclusive free gift to Reader's Club members in appreciation of your interest in and support of my writing. It's working title at the time was *Into the Ashes*. I have since retitled the book *Last Exit on the*

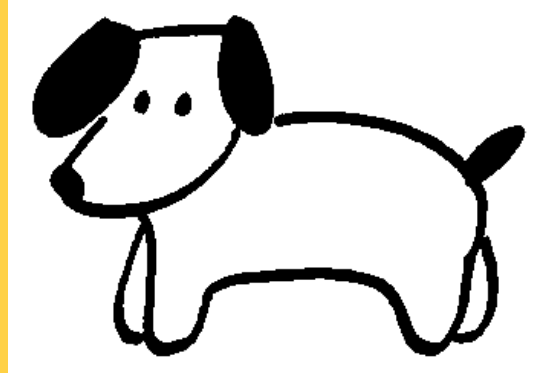


Canine Dinner Etiquette

Deano's Corner

(Applies to *all* meals)

- Don't crowd at the table.
- Don't drool if you can help it. I know, sometimes this can't be helped.
- Strive to position yourself in the most advantageous position to respond instantly when food hits the floor. Do *not* give your human(s) time to pick up dropped food! It's your job to clean up. Remember, if it's on the floor, it's yours!
- Help the parents. Hang around the kiddies at mealtime. While all humans are careless with food, children take the cake in this regard (and sometimes *give* the cake, too. Woof!)
- Adults don't like having to clean the floor after every meal. Do it for them. They'll appreciate your efforts—and hopefully demonstrate their approval with a doggy treat!
- Practice good child hygiene. Tidy up the kids after they eat. They'll think you love them when you lick their hands and faces clean. A win-win!
- Help with the dishes. Save Mom and Dad the trouble by thoroughly licking plates and utensils clean. If you can get at them, scour the pots and pans, too!
- Never lunge at food in a human's hand, even when they carelessly dangle it within your reach. Wait patiently for it to fall to the floor.
- BBQs - Always be on high alert once the grill is fired up. Chances are extremely good that meat will be involved!



John Irving: A Prayer for Owen Meany

What's on My Bookshelf?

Mr. Irving is among my favorite novelists. I count the day I first picked up a copy of *A Prayer for Owen Meany* as one of the highlights of my reading life. I've been an enormous John Irving fan from that day forward and never miss a release.

I still enjoy reading this novel from time to time some twenty years after discovering it. It's a timeless story filled with beautiful writing, a superb mastery of writing craft, universal themes, and more than a few laugh-out-loud moments in a story that is poignant and utterly immersing. The novel is partially a coming-of-age story like no other, an empathetic rumination on



faith versus doubt, an exploration of fate, and an examination of friendship—all with the endearing and memorable character of Owen Meany at its center. John Irving is a consummate weaver of tales and a literary giant who keeps us entertained while simultaneously prodding us to examine the deeper meanings of life and the world around us. *A Prayer for Owen Meany* is thought-provoking and fun to read. I heartily recommend any of Mr. Irving's novels, and Owen Meany is an excellent place to begin. Enjoy!

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

Win a Book!

Submit a question. I'll answer one reader question in every Reader's Club Update. If I answer yours, I'll send you a free eBook copy of my next book. Send your question via my website contact page [here](#) or send an email to:

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include Reader Q & A in the subject line if you send an email. Thanks!



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. Thanks for being a member of our Reader's Club!

Take care, be well, and happy reading!

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