



NEIL TURNER READER'S CLUB

Greetings!

Where to begin? Let's start with this: I hope this month's Update finds all of you well and excited for summer (or winter if you're down under). There's so much to tell you about, I hardly know where to begin! As the email subject line said, we have a lot of deals to tell you about, there's additional big writing news in the works, and the popular *What's Neil Reading?* feature is back this month with a great book from an author I think you'll enjoy. You'll find much of the book-related news below, but not all of it. In addition to the release of the eighth Tony Valenti Thriller, *A Law Unto Itself*, I've also started preliminary work on the next book, which currently carries the imaginative title of *#9*. Doesn't that just quicken your pulse??? As if the Tony books aren't enough to keep me busy, I've also decided to dust off, polish, publish a political thriller trilogy that I set aside to focus on the Tony books. The first two books are complete but need some polishing; the third book is outlined but not yet written. I completed work on the first installment this week and will work through the second this spring. Balancing two series at once promises to be a delicate balancing act. I'm not sure how the trilogy will come to life; there's a possibility of a traditional publishing contract, or I may decide to publish them independently as I've done with Tony's books. What *is* certain is that I'll have publishing news on them in the relatively near future. And now, it's back to our regular Reader's Club programming.

Read on!

The latest Tony Valenti news

Hot Off the Press

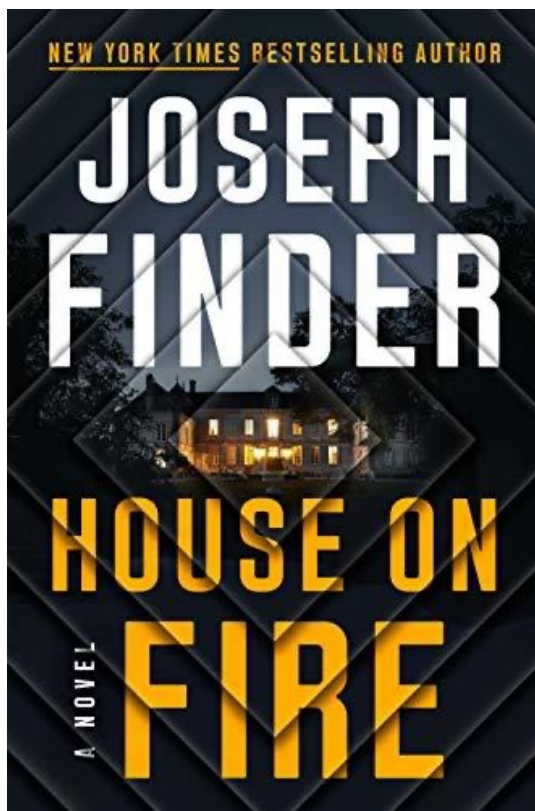
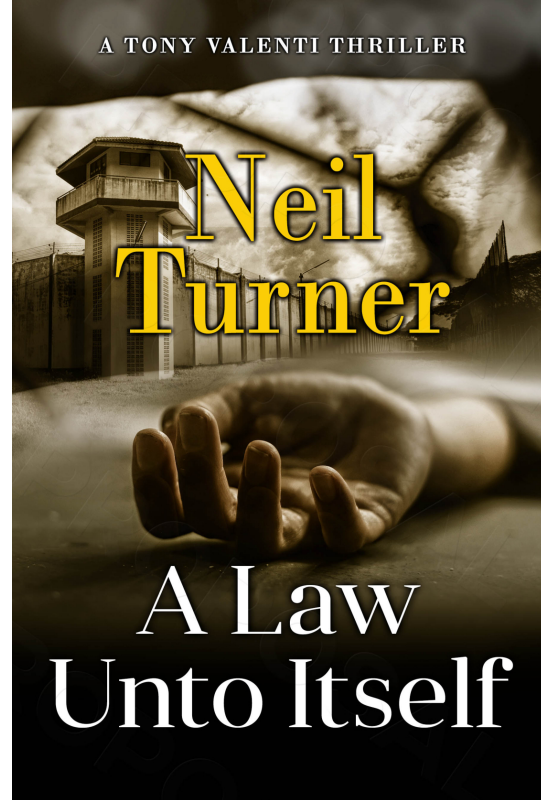
As mentioned, the new Tony Valenti Thriller, *A Law Unto Itself*, will be released tomorrow

in the following formats: eBook, trade paperback, and large print. Here's what some early readers have to say:

"This is another great story in the Tony Valenti series. Don't miss it!"

"If you're already a loyal reader of Neil Turner's series, the Tony Valenti Thrillers, you will not be disappointed with Book #8, A Law Unto Itself. I, personally, could hardly wait for it to come out. Once Tony sets foot back in the courtroom in his role as a legal advocate for his clients, there's no telling what direction the story may take. Again, this book keeps readers engrossed to the point where it's difficult to put it down."

Get your copy [here](#). We're also in the final days of the Goodreads giveaway contest, which you can enter [here](#).



House on Fire by Joseph Finder

What's Neil Reading?

There's a very good reason why Joseph Finder is among my favorite thriller authors. *House On Fire* epitomizes everything that makes his books must reads for me. Ex-soldier turned private detective Nick Heller is a multi-faceted character you can't help but root for, the supporting cast is outstanding, and—the mark of a true pro—even the antagonists are well fleshed out. The author keeps us guessing

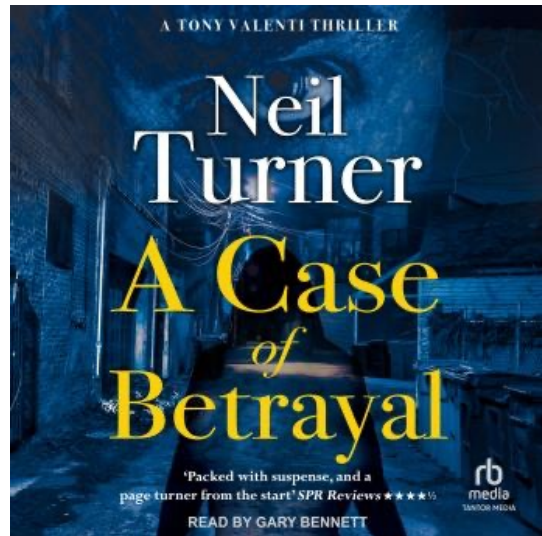
about who may be or may not be Nick's allies as he is pulled deeper and deeper into the myriad disfunctions of the Kimball family. The plot of the story, which centers around the opioid epidemic and the companies that fuel it, is a twisty, turny delight. The exhaustive research Finder puts into his novels shines through here, making

House on Fire not only a highly enjoyable read, but also a primer on the subject at the heart of the story. The resolution packs a punch and a couple of late surprises I didn't see coming. Finder has outdone himself yet again

A peek behind the curtain

Behind the Scenes

While most of the excitement this month concerns *A Law Unto Itself*, the third Tony Valenti Thriller, *A Case of Betrayal*, is also in the spotlight—and the lights are shining *brightly!* The novel has been selected as a Featured Deal on BookBub and the ebook will be available for FREE from April 24th - April 28th! Check it out [here](#). On top of that, Tantor Audio has teamed up with Audiobooks.com to offer the audiobook at 50% off until April 30th. You'll find *that* deal [here](#). We've got *A Case of Betrayal* covered every which way! In other audiobook news—there's more??—*A Time for Reckoning*, the fourth Tony Valenti Thriller, is in presale. If your “click here” finger has any life left in it, you'll find that deal [here](#).



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Here's this month's question and answer:

Q: How do you balance plot and character? Which is more important?

A: This is an interesting craft question in two parts, and there are probably as many answers as there are authors. Here's my take, which I offer from the perspective of a thriller writer. I consider character to be the single most important aspect of writing. Unless I

care about the people in the story, what happens to them doesn't much matter to me. As for balance, just because we care about a character doesn't mean we're going to stick with them through 400 pages of navel gazing. For my money, a good book includes compelling characters navigating their way through a propulsive tale with plenty of obstacles to overcome, huge dollops of uncertainty at every turn, and all with a universal theme underpinning the story. Now, I may not be able to actually *do* that myself, but it's what I like to read! 😊

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

Take care, be well, and happy reading (or listening!),

Neil



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