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*Praise  
Camille  
Paglia*

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Mr. Brian Lamb  
Chairman and CEO, C-SPAN  
400 North Capitol St. NW, Room # 650  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to Camille Paglia last Sunday making a presentation at a seminar, the sponsorship of which I failed to catch. She is the complete iconoclast and, as my Mother would have said, "a real sketch".

As a result I obtained a copy of her book, "Sex, Art and American Culture" and, as I read, she took aim and scored on almost every ideal and belief that I have ever held. Yet she expressed herself with such confidence and elan that I found myself tolerating her shocking declarations and strongly agreeing with her right to say what she pleased with the hope that she might jar some of those other intellectual sluggards into an enlightened frame of mind. She couldn't shake me, of course, because my shock was cushioned by the pleasure of watching her expressive face and listening to her articulate delivery. I have never "met" anyone with whom I agreed less and so admired as Camille Paglia. She is the ultimate in insensitive rabble rousing.

The point of all this preliminary is to urge that you consider interviewing her on "Booknotes". As you are probably aware, her latest book is "Vamps and Tramps" by one publisher and "Tramps and Vamps" by another, neither of which have I read but which I intend to. Whether or not you consider this latest book appropriate for review, perhaps there is precedence for reviewing earlier publication, such as "Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence", or "Sex, Art and American Culture".



The titles of her books suggest that she is preoccupied with sex but, although she has much to say about sex of all orientations, her commentary is reasonably tasteful and is philosophical in purpose.

Whether or not you extend an invitation to appear on "Booknotes", I hope the seminar can be rescheduled, and/or some other presentation featuring Paglia.

Let me echo your daily enthusiastic viewers who say with sincerity, "Thanks for C-SPAN".

Sincerely yours,   
