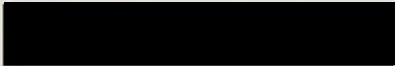
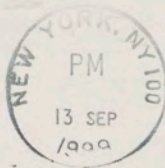


Sept. 12, 1999. Sir: I write after watching your 3-hour program on biography today. Weren't you surprised to find the number of Columbus books near the bottom of the Washington Post list? (Columbus may be named Time magazine's Person of the Millennium, and the choice of others as well.) One question I'd like you to ask in future Booknotes and other C-Span book programs: Doesn't the publisher determine the author's next book? What happens when the publisher says the subject doesn't interest it (for whatever reason) -- publisher-author try to work out an acceptable subject? Author goes to another publisher, if possible?

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