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Dear Mr. Lamb,

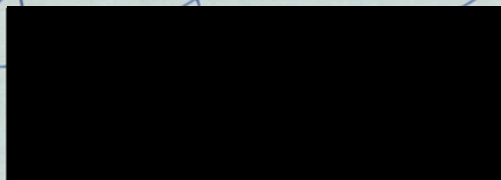
I'm a big fan of your interviews with news reporters, politicians, and authors. I greatly admire your soft-spoken demeanor which you never seem to lose even when you ask tough, probing questions. It's exhilarating to be able to sit down in front of the T.V. and hear some intelligent discourse about complicated people and world events instead of the usual infotainment fare - lurid subjects hyped out of all proportion by talk show hosts who will do anything to boost their ratings.

Booknotes is one of my very favorite programs since I'm such an avid bookworm. While browsing through a local bookstore yesterday I came across a book by an anti-euthanasia activist called Deadly Compassion. The author of Deadly Compassion is Rita Marker and she claims to have befriended Ann Humphry, the ex-wife of Derek Humphry, the founder of the Hemlock Society. Rita Marker claims Ann Humphry sent her a copy of her suicide letter with a post script saying Derek Humphry had not assisted his first wife, Jean, in committing suicide, but he had in fact, confessed to Ann that he had murdered her.

Derek Humphry was tried in his native England for murdering Jean, but he was found not guilty because he was carrying out his dying wife's last wishes. Scotland Yard is not some fly-by-night police department, so to my mind, they certainly would have discovered evidence of the use of force against Jean Humphry if the woman were indeed murdered by her husband. This book seems very dubious to me, but it still should be openly and objectively evaluated. Please do a segment on this woman,

Rita Marker and her book, Deadly Compassion. If you decide to review this book, please be thorough. Rita Marker has made an extremely serious accusation against Derek Humphry, so she deserves a good grilling. Thank you again for your marvelous programs.

Yours truly,



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