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Amy Cupp, Editor/"booknotes "

C-SPAN - DC

attn: Hope Landry
(is she Tom's offspring?)

re: Touched by Fire - 13 Oct 96

Dear Editor:

Whoever prepares Mr. Lamb's questions for the authors intended a little joke with the one about any photographs being available for the Custer massacre at Little Big Horn. Anyone familiar with the period---or anyone not so lucky---would ordinarily believe that the maker of this inquiry was a subcretin. Actually, it is not well known, even by the best of scholars, that Matthew Brady's people were in attendance that day, by courtesy of a fellow who is know by his comic books of that day, Ned Buntline! This is well-delineated in Custer Died for Your Sins by Blanche deVidian (Waco, TX: Howell Publishers, 1985). Her main source was the lone survivor, Constipated Coyote,* who had hidden himself inside the belly of a horse and so was spared the death rituals of the victorious Indians. Coyote, as he was known to his fellow scouts, changed his name from a cognomen not easily translatable in English.

Hollywood usually falsifies, from innocence or malice, the true historical records of so many bits of the past that one is hard put to find an exception. One is Little Big Man, with Dustin Hoffman. This virtual documentary sets straight the alleged homosexual nature (bisexual more accurately) of the leader the tribes dubbed "Yellow Hair Who Sleeps With Men." Portraying Custer as a flaming faggot# in the final scene before the battle was Tinseltown in its rare exemplary mode. Wandering about the area with adazed grin, limp-wristed, was obviously not something C-SPAN's preparers (for Lamb) would use. If we cannot trust Dustin Hoffman, who can we trust?

Mrs. Custer visited the Indian Territory in league with Carrie Nation, saloon-wrecker, and Aimee Semple McPherson, the pioneering female evangelist of the era. My uncle told me of if, something not established, but surely true.

* the first thing a birthing squaw does is peek outside her wick-iup upon delivery in order to name her infant after the first ~~object~~ object seen. Coyote was renamed from Two-Dogs-Hung-Up.

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note: native American govt. offices lack even the
~~most~~ dependable machines for communication.

Indian women after the Custer killings poked sewing awls (made from buffalo bone) into the General's ears, in devotion to a slain but gallant foe, who must be made more responsive to sound in the next world. Such an undertaking should be under consideration for all media persons, with a few exceptions. Especially the mavens.

Long ago, I abandoned trying to appeal to something not in existence, viz., integrity in most of the DC Press Corps, linear and/or electronic. C-SPAN, in spite of its victory in showing how utterly inadequate our broadcasting set-up of TV news is, is now a prisoner ---from the outset---of Beltway Degeneracy Writ Large. Nowhere more demonstrable than with your ongoing war against the Second Amendment. You deliberately overlook books which are of untold value to the millions out here who have been systematically misinformed as to the nature of the gun in our society. In place of this you pander in a shameless parade of authors who are of little interest except to a few segments of society. Worst of all, if an author is of a minority, the offense is compounded by ~~####~~ all out of proportion to importance. acclaim

David B. Kopel has authored a dazzling work with The Samurai, The Mountie, and the Cowboy--- a prize-winner of international fame, which you pass by in favor of obscure writers. The list is endless. Kopel's latest (1995) is the editing of Guns: Who Should Have Them? and the contributors come from the feminist side, the African-American legal experts at a university law school; and, has countless other facets of the issues rending us (Brady, "assault weapons" and kids/safety). It is now clear that you are pretenders to probity; and, your cultural crippling is more proof that there is no meeting of the minds between us. The chasm is widening, deepening and darkening.

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James Fallows, he of a new dissection of press sins, says most of you are still "in the denial stage." indeed. And, the "Booknotes" section is your most flagrant flaw.

Who can ever forget the total omission of James Madison's fatherhood of the Second Amendment in a book on him by a Madison scholar?! It was rank; and, I knew then that your people behind the camera and the buffoon Lamb, using nutty and highly comical questions (which stunned the scholar there) (the look on his face when he was asked how a Founding Father would like ---pause for emphasis--- "parking meters!" # stays with me) is emblematic of what is tearing the heart out of native press trust. You seem not to care; and, I am glad. It will make your total loss of respect complete, very shortly. Pray continue. All you have done is sell more firearms; enlist more NRA members, and harden our resolve to expose your elitist maiming. And you wonder why you are so mistrusted.....

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Kwowa Nation, plus