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Dear Brian Lamb,

What a great service you and C-Span are giving to those of us who thrive on good books, with "Booknotes" and now, "About Books." I look forward to Sat. and Sun. nights for both programs, and your great, low-key presentation, with dignity. How refreshing! I hope these programs last forever.

I am a volunteer at our new, local library, (mending and cleaning books) and seeing the interior of the Library of Congress - on

o. Books. Convers.



your program with Shelly Fote,,
 Peggy Monar and David Halberstam -
 was wonderful; only wish I
 could see it one day. (Not Too
 likely - a retired senior on So. Sec.
 income --- small budget)

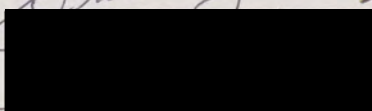
A friend and I have been spending
 every Wednesday morning for the past
 10 years - sharing reading Non-fiction
 books, and discussing them - such
 as Bertrand Russell's "A History of
 Western Philosophy"; H.G. Wells, "Outline
 of History"; Daniel Boorstein's "The
 Discoverers" and "The Creators"; some of
 Montaigne; Gibbon's "Decline & Fall of
 The Roman Empire"; Will Durants "The
 Life of Greece"; and others - now doing
 Durants, "The Renaissance". My friend
 is 87 - I'm 71 - so we're not all
 that fast in our reading of chapters,
 but most rewarding. I'm a big
 fan of Stephen Jay Gould - have 6 of

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his books ^{with} "Full House" - the latest, and of Carl Sagan - "The Demon Haunted World", and his "Pale Blue Dot" - just great! (Understand "Contact" is being made into a movie.)

Thank you for providing me with half of my 2 favorite subjects, classical music, and good books; There's such a paucity of "cultural worth" on TV, or in society, anymore.

Happy Holidays;
and all the Best
Wishes for the
New Year!

Sincerely,


Paso Robles, Calif.

