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Daily Dose of Dust

Jozef Imrich has his finger on the pulse of any irony of interest and shares his findings to keep you in-the-know with the savviest trend setters and infomaniacs. "I want to stay as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all kinds of things you can't see from the center." -Kurt Vonnegut

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Every Negative has a Positive, You just have to look for it...

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Sunday, February 29, 2004

Posted 2:28 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Characters like [Barrister show strangers like me how and where to explore the hills and valleys of Australian landscapes...](#)
 Such as [Story of Mrs Robinson](#)

Civil War I: The battle of Vinegar Hill

Muskets, drunken rebels and burning torches: next month marks the bicentenary of one of our bloodiest uprisings

- [Colourful Hills](#)
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- See Also [Historical Sun lurches into view for a thorough man: Fraser](#)

Posted 2:00 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

To get along you go along...Journalists increasingly find themselves facing invidious choice; become cipher for the spin of politicians (in power) and get easy access and the information that builds professional success, or remain outsiders and trade easy access for critical independence. That some journalists choose career success over independence is part of the legacy spin. **That many resist is one reason why there is still some honour, however tarnished, in the grisly business of journalism.**
[Sexing it Up](#)

Acosta-ing the Opposition with Contempt for Alternative Government

The Hon. MICHAEL COSTA: This censure motion is a joke, just like everything else that Opposition members do in this House...

Just in case you missed the key points

1. Costa has "contempt" for those on the other side of the benches
 2. Opposition - lazy, incompetent (Sadly half true)
 3. The Coalition members should donate their salaries to the press gallery
- [Sexing it Down](#) [via [Stephen Hill smells a whiff of the fall of PJK all over again?](#)]

*Roger Cameron of Murrumbidgee wants to congratulate CityRail staff on their "proactive, safety-aware, customer-focused approach to carriage maintenance", demonstrated yesterday near Wynyard. Travelling north at about 9.45am he heard the guard laconically announce: **Would the passengers travelling in the car with the open door please kick it . . . it will then close.***

- [Doors](#)
- [The "killer" hospitals](#)
- While Labor is apparently considering large-scale tax reform, John Quiggin says the public has other priorities on its mind] [courtesy of [Czech out newish homesite of John Quiggin: the King of Blogging](#)]
- See Also [We must be due for a financial crisis any day now](#)
- See Also [Tax & Spend](#)

Posted 1:49 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

The US Congress takes up another round of media bashing today, with more hearings on "indecentcy" on the airwaves...At the least, the spectacle makes for great theatre...

Make It Real (But What Is Real?)

The way we perceive what we call 'real' speech in drama is constantly changing: the

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- [ABC's Auntie Biased BBC](#)
- [Altreuter. Gregory](#)
- [Arthur. Don \(hiatus cached\)](#)
- [Arthur. Don \(back in June 2004\)](#)

mirror held up to nature is a lens whose focal length changes with time. In the theatre the search for documentary truth is the logical extension of an art form that seeks to present slices of life while always reminding the spectator (unlike film) that what they are watching is a simulation of life, a metaphor for it, not the real thing. The desire to make that experience of simulated reality more "real", more like life as it is rather than how it's supposed to be, is the motor of modern theatre.

· [Speech impediments: With more realism in theatre, Richard Eyre wonders if the straight talking might extend to politicians](#)

Posted 1:48 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

The adjective is the enemy of the noun, wrote Voltaire, though it agrees with it in number and gender. If you catch one, Mark Twain added, kick it

I get a kick out of you

For artists and poets love is as mysterious as a rainbow. Yeah, well, the guys in white smocks explained rainbows. So now to love

· [Adjective](#)

[Take the leap today, girls](#)

Scottish tradition has it that on February 29 a woman has the right to propose marriage to any man she likes - and if the would-be husband refuses, he's liable to a ?100 fine.

· See Also [Leap it](#)

Posted 1:38 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

USA Today's study of 2003 releases found that movie critics' grades had a significant relationship to the money the movies grossed. In general, the better the reviews, the higher the box office. [Even a half-star meant millions of dollars more for a movie's total take. How pretentious is that?](#)

· [You're a Chorible\(sic\) Man, Aren't You? One Star in Jozef's closet: A literary houdini.](#)

Why do guys like Anschutz, Wasserstein get into publishing?

For fun (and ideological reasons for some). Jack Shafer writes: They usually join the game because they're already bulging at the seams with profitable investments and are **bored with their yachts, airplanes, mansions, sports franchises, race horses, and priceless works of art, and they view publications (correctly) as exciting diversions from their conventional holdings.**

· [How to attract the opposite sex: Hopelessly utopian. Desperately needed \[link first seen at Tim Porter\]](#)

[My mother called me Silver. I was born part precious metal, part pirate.](#)

· See Also [A rebel goes to water: It's all right for you; we are locked in situations X, Y and Z . . . a great feeling of powerlessness](#)

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Saturday, February 28, 2004

Posted 7:31 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

A contempt for the [aboriginal culture](#)

Bulldogs: two girls to every guy in Coffs

Political parties, academia and gangs in general attract people who are finding it difficult to be understood, they are involved in [some sort of initiation ceremony](#) and exhibit anti-social behaviour. "They say 'up you' to the rest of the world, they believe the rules don't apply to them and taken to extreme, sexual assault by many of a group is showing gang mentality."

One barman claims a young footballer, thrown out of the hotel, said: "Don't you know who I am?"

Most footballers don't say that. Big-headedness is a crime in rugby league. The code's

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Darwinian winnowing forbids it. But "chop ups", as group sex with a willing woman is known among players, is not.

- [Then, under a fierce sun, they performed every reality show](#)
- See Also [What dogs do](#)
- See Also [What Woolves do](#)
- [Cavalier style led to water chief's fall](#)

Posted 7:28 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

I'm horrified to discover there is spying going on in our spy services... [If you aren't paranoid, you aren't paying attention](#)

Democracies the most eager to cast stones and bugs

It is a sunniest Saturday and that splendid Sydney Morning Herald carries a story based on the new book by former Air Force Secretary Thomas Reed, describing some of the audacious efforts President Reagan authorized to sabotage the economy of the Soviet Union: Reagan approved plan to sabotage Soviets. On the other hand, National Review Online yesterday posted Ion Mihai Pacepa's account of one set of KGB "active measures" to sabotage American foreign policy that is relevant to the current presidential campaign: Kerry's Soviet rhetoric.

- [CIA \[link first seen at KGB\]](#)
- See Also [Weapons inspectors' phones 'bugged'](#)
- See Also [Blix, Butler bugged: Russell Balding](#)

Old Customs Die Hard

Barbara Walters of 60 Minutes (USA) did a story on gender roles in Kabul several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked about 5 paces behind their husbands.

She returned to Kabul recently and observed that women still walk behind their husbands, but now seem to walk even further back and are now happy with the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked. "But why do you now seem happy with the old custom that you used to try and change?" "Land mines," said the woman.

According to the Corriere della Sera, Silvio Berlusconi, the most entertaining European politician since mad king Ludwig..

- See Also [Welcome to Europe! Have Fun! Drive Fast!](#) [link first seen at [Geoff Goodfellow](#)]

Posted 4:43 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

A reputation, it is said, is one of a person's most precious assets... Some reputations (animals) are more equal than others

The World's Richest Families

I didn't need blog to build an empire. My rise to the top of the publishing ranks has mouths flapping...

- [Mouth of Ironies \[courtesy of Fire-breathing survivor \]](#)
- [Larry Page and Sergey Brin are worth \\$1bn each: Google Founders](#)
- See Also [BlogRolling.com is a 'best-of-breed-banking' service](#)

Posted 4:36 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Law grinds the poor, and rich men rule the law.

-- Oliver Goldsmith

Rich the most eager to grab welfare

Ronald Reagan memorably complained about welfare queens, but he never told us that the biggest welfare queens are the already wealthy. Their lobbyists fawn over politicians, giving them little bits of money -- campaign contributions, plane trips, dinners, golf outings -- in exchange for huge chunks of taxpayers' money. Millionaires who own your favorite sports teams get subsidies, as do millionaire farmers, corporations, and well-connected plutocrats of every variety. Even successful, wealthy TV journalists.

That's right. I got some of your money too.

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...the night, I got some of your money, too.

- [Confessions of a Welfare Queen](#)

The benefits of a world economy are bypassing those who most need them, writes Charlotte Denny.

- [Winners and losers of globalisation](#)

Posted 4:24 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Definitions are boundaries, and boundaries are anathema to Webloggers. Moreover, the best Weblogs are always shifting and evolving, always on their way to being something else.

- Julia Keller of the Chicago Tribune

Blogging For Fun

- [Blogbinders.com turns your blog into a bound book](#)]
- [Big and Bad: Cars have to meet stringent fuel-efficiency regulations. Trucks don't](#)
- [Everyone loves internet quizzes. But so few of them offer the satisfaction of giving the quiz-taker a truly unique identity: BookQuiz](#)
- [Food Quiz](#)

Friday, February 27, 2004

Posted 7:49 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Reservist Captains that tend to have the subtlety of smashing a sledgehammer through a plate-glass window

Who Controls the City and Police is Always the King or Queen in Sydney

In politics as in life, that which goes around comes around. Labor smugly thought it had neatly stitched up the lord mayoral robes for its candidate, Michael Lee, when it thrust together the City of Sydney and South Sydney councils three weeks ago. The forced amalgamation brought Labor strongholds into the city boundaries and seemed to confirm the shoo-in status of Mr Lee, whose odds had been shortened last month by the withdrawal of his main rival, the former lord mayor, Lucy Turnbull.

That seemed to be that - until Clover Moore decided to gatecrash the party.

- [Moore, Moore \[link first seen at No sheilas here, mate? Independent tongue revives new passions\]](#)
- [See Also Sydney City Council files](#)
- [See Also Pillar of Honesty Speaks Out: If observers of the Sandpit have memories of pipesmoking Ted Mack, I have more than most...](#)
- [Exposed to the vapour \(Mac Truck\)](#)

Posted 7:43 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

In the 17th century MPs quoted the Bible, in the 18th and 19th centuries the classics, in the 20th century nothing...

Cross your fingers and hope for the best Dictatorship

It's funny what the Hansard parliamentary reporters hear and what they miss. At a committee hearing last week, the Greens MP Ian Cohen was grilling the head of Sydney Water, Greg Robinson, about sewerage outfalls.

"I have been down to the outfalls . . . faeces the size of a man could get through the filtration processors at Malabar and I went down there with my surfboard one day," Cohen said sternly.

Other people in the room then heard One Nation MP David Oldfield say to Cohen: "Are you saying you are a piece of faeces the size of a man?", and the groans that followed. Which is odd, because the Hansard reporters record only Oldfield's more sensible comments about depth and distance from shore and such. Censorship on the grounds of good taste perhaps?

- [Rough mouth: Fine line Censorship](#)
- [Parliament?'s back: Sage PIC Commissioner](#)

Posted 7:22 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

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Posted 7:58 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

The local critic didn't like the piece, which poses the question: does one write for the public, or for the critics? Three thousand people applaud enthusiastically and one journalist makes uncharitable remarks. Which is more important? And how do critics feel able to make a definite judgment after one hearing? As a composer, I would never presume to do such a thing. When my pupils brought their music to me I always made them play it twice, something I learned from Honegger. There is too much of the unexpected in a first hearing; after a second hearing things begin to fall into place.

[Miki?s R?zsa, Double Life](#)

No degrees of separation: A magnet for Survival

[Bloggers](#)

The American publishing business today is in a tremendous state of confusion between its two classic functions: the higher-minded and more vocally trumpeted mission civilisatrice to instruct and edify and uplift the reading public and the less loudly advertised but, in the nature of things, more consistently compelling [mission commerciale](#) to separate the consumer from his cash. Happy the publisher (and happy the author) who can manage to make a single book fulfill both functions! The real art of publishing consists not in reconciling what are, in a capitalist system, quite simply irreconcilable imperatives but in orchestrating the built-in tensions in a harmonious fashion. However, the two-way road in publishing from the bottom line to Mount Olympus travels right across a fault line, and that is where the serious editor lives and plies his trade.

- [Plies of trade \[courtesy of Saloon\]](#)
- See Also [A Great Revision Descends to Self-parody](#)
- See Also [Cold Phwoar 2004 AD](#)

Posted 6:55 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

A Publishing Best-seller Miracle Rick Warren's The Purpose-Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For? sold 11.3 million copies in 2003, making it one of the biggest best-sellers of all time

The Plug Fest: literary episode of Scooby Doo

Last week it was revealed how easy it is for authors to praise their own books anonymously in online reviews

- [Price we pay for the freedom of expression which the internet offers us \[link first seen at Quest for the fool's gold of turnover\]](#)

[Pregnant Giannas begging taxi drivers to floor it to the hospital, take note - if the cabbies are recent immigrants, chances are they are also doctors...](#)

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Posted 9:17 PM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Czech this world exclusive Aussie Goannas out...

A small country town, Australia:

After a very long day, Gianna gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy late last night, assisted by grandmama. Baby's vital stats are:

- ten little fingers: check
- ten little toes: check
- baby blue eyes: check
- on a scale to 1 to 10 of gorgeousness - 1000000000000000000000000
- weight: 0.003360 tonnes
- length: 0.00053 kilometres

The baby is a little brother for Fuzzle and Chi Chi.

Mother and baby are happy and healthy.

- [This message by Auntie: Blogson](#)

Posted 7:55 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Fifty years ago, an unpublished 28-year-old American poet came into the United

fifty years ago, an unpublished 28-year-old American poet came into the United States at Mexicali dreaming of literary glory. [His name was Allen Ginsberg](#)

Why Certain Politicians Should Sue the Truth...

[Washington is attempting to give us a 14-mile triple fence along San Diego's border as its solution to the problem of illegal immigration from Mexico.](#)

· [A Fence Won't Stem the Tide of Immigration... \[via Wall \]](#)

[If British Prime Minister Tony Blair is President Bush's poodle, then Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is his cocker spaniel](#)

Posted 7:47 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Any Aussie Analogies: The Post is often more scrappy with surprising exclusives, but its coverage can be exhausting rather than exhaustive. The Times is still best for its ability to frame issues and candidates with smart coverage and fine writing...(read on the train, but source lost)

Double DragonFly

Mangan's Newsroom Blogging Vision

PJNet Today (Public Journalism Network) has a great [interview with Tom Mangan, proprietor of the Prints the Chaff weblog and a features copy editor at the San Jose Mercury News.](#) Mangan makes the case for blogging by news organizations, and for editing of news blogs. There's some good stuff in this interview.

The part that had me nodding my head is when Mangan points out the importance of a newsroom establishing a blog immediately when a major local story breaks. He says:

If we have a blog up and running within minutes of a big story breaking, we cut Google and the bloggers out of the equation. If we make it interactive, we make our site the go-to location for breaking news. We will open ourselves up to the problem of people entering comments that later prove untrue, but readers will learn to distinguish between the feedback -- half of which is nonsense -- and the work of the pros, which, hopefully, will have a much smaller nonsense factor. In other words, combine the best of blogging with the best practices of the professional news organization.

Bloggers Toys Grow Up to Be News Tools: Nowhere to hide B:=)

How many bloggers would like to use a helicopter to take a picture of Bohemian Streets they are reporting on? My latest royalty cheque hit the bank \$1.4M only to fund my latest venture [DraganFly.com](#) introducing a consumer level [Predator Spy Plane with wireless video broadcast.](#)

· [courtesy of [A group weblog by the sharpest minds in online media/journalism/publishing](#)]

· [Visions of the Virgin: Our Latest Air War](#)

Posted 7:28 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

Everybody loves Gianna and her double... Virtual separation appears to be less than three degrees!

What A Wonderful World of Communal Blogging & Librarianship :=)

Partially overdue blogger just ducking out to hospital first thing this morning to see if they can't somehow persuade this baby make an appearance, as he's now a week overdue....

· [Double Fines: Creative Revenue Raising Overdue Giannas](#)

· See Also [Blogs by women](#)

· See Also [Posing as a mother returning to work from maternity leave](#)

· See Also [Blogs: Double Dragon](#)

· [Blogging left](#)

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Posted 8:21 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

History Lesions: *How Much Better Off We Would All Be Today [If Only We Remembered More...](#) [Permission to drown, please](#)*

A Small Victory: The Gentle Art of Making Political & Managerial Enemies

And so here we are, at the crossroads of another day, speechless and troubled by what is before us, so anxious to engage in a conversation with what ought to be, and yet so unaware of or indifferent to a past waiting to explain itself, to be heard, to be remembered.

- [Another \(Better\) World is Possible](#)
- [Common History](#)
- [For 'Gutter Politics,' Look to the Bush Camp](#)
- [Soros: Suppose We Had a Real Democracy](#)
- [Soros: A Hundred Little Hitlers](#)

Posted 8:17 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

It was tragic to hear news from Europe on 13 January the news that my non smoking godmother, Sidka Kissova, passed away, but words cannot describe the feelings when my family learned that her son, my cousin, Stefan Kiss lost his wife on 13 February...

Mr Bacon

I have no choice but to inform the people of Tasmania that I was diagnosed and perhaps - I'm not superstitious, but some might feel it's ironic - on Friday, 13 February, 2004, with lung cancer and that the condition is inoperable.

- [Cool as can be, until deadly reality behind the myths is revealed](#)

Posted 7:33 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

There are some journalists who have not adjusted to pop journalism. They have not adjusted to soundbite, ratings journalism. Jeff is of that tradition. And so we thank him for his service...

A little solidarity on behalf of the truth, please. My favorite. It's time for journalists to get mad, to unify against restrictions on the press and the flow of public information, and to openly resist ? with words and actions ? those who would redefine the First Amendment for their personal or political interests.

Going after Key Political Stories ...

If journalists demonstrated the kind of tenacity in going after key political stories that they did during that brief shining moment, well, America will have an election worthy of the world's oldest democracy, and reporters and editors alike will be able to speak proudly of the charge given to them by its oldest written constitution: to protect and defend the public's right to know its leaders -- and to choose them wisely

- [Facts Fashions \[via \[Why Journalists Should Blog\]\(#\)\]](#)
- [Ana Menendez has the kind of face and coloring that allow her to slip easily into a number of cultures](#)
- See Also [Telegraph editor admits morale problem](#)

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Posted 12:54 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

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Strike Force Westbank

He was carrying an iron bar... He hit me from behind and pushed me into... a metal door frame

door frame.

Fuelled by a cocktail of drugs, armed robberies are growing more violent and unpredictable.

The robbers carry guns, knives, sledgehammers, iron bars or baseball bats. Wired on drugs and adrenaline, they storm into the bank, screaming and swearing at terrified staff and customers.

· [In the Firing Line](#)

· [Four men, including three brothers, were arrested today in a series of raids across Sydney targeting drugs and firearms.](#)

Posted 12:52 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

With trains back to normal yesterday, the rail network ran, on the whole, only 15 minutes late in the morning, not that that was much consolation to the 7500 commuters stranded by a ferry workers' snap strike.

Sydney Salted with Solidarity

All Sydney Ferries services were cancelled this morning after union members walked off the job, calling for an end to sackings and what they say is harassment and intimidation of workers.

· [Ferries](#)

· See Also [Fraud and bad Faith](#)

· See Also [Doctors and Bad Health](#)

· [Not Quite Extra News? or News Extra? Dunno... \[via Road To...\]](#)

· [The Sunday Express & Jeni Cooper known for their sometimes colourful scoops](#)

Posted 12:37 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

The story was thoroughly English. There was a little fox-hunting and a little tuft-hunting, some Christian virtue and some Christian cant. There was no heroism and no villainy. There was much Church, but more love-making. And it was downright honest love, in which there was no pretence on the part of the lady that she was too ethereal to be fond of a man, no half-and-half inclination on the part of the man to pay a certain price and no more for a pretty toy. Each of them longed for the other, and they were not ashamed to say so. Consequently they in England who were living, or had lived, the same sort of life, liked Framley Parsonage.

Anthony Trollope, An Autobiography

Everyone Wants a Piece of Kerry

It seems that everyone wants a piece of American Democratic Party presidential front-runner John F. Kerry these days.

And now that the Massachusetts senator has swept almost every primary contest so far and emerged as a likely Democratic Party presidential nominee, a tug of war over who can claim rights to Kerry's heritage has spurred debate in the Czech Republic.

In the small, poverty-stricken town of Horni Benesov in north Moravia, residents have watched with interest as Kerry has continued to dominate the dwindling pack of candidates.

Their interest stems from the tracing of Kerry's roots back to the once-prosperous mining town. It was in Horni Benesov that his Jewish grandfather, Fritz Kohn, worked as a brewer before emigrating to America, converting to Catholicism and changing his name at the beginning of the last century, according to a genealogical study carried out last year by the Boston Globe.

· [Sudetens lay claim to Kerry ancestry \[courtesy of Prague Post\]](#)

[Madeleine Albright \(Mrs. Fulbright\): the Iron Czech](#)

Posted 12:34 AM by Jozef Imrich, Esq.

A look at [Czech history reveals why some Czechs are so unwilling to accept fiscal change](#)

Status of International Tax MOU: Antipodian Bohemian

And On the Second day of February 2004 AD the most recent Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and the Czech Republic was signed by the Tax Commissioner Michael Carmody and Mr Robert Szurman, Director General, Central Financial and Tax Directorate, Ministry of Finance (Ministerstvo Vnitra?) for the Czech Republic.

- [Trust](#)
- [Why People Evade Taxes in the Czech and Slovak Republics: A Tale of Twins](#) [[link first seen at Major tax evaders targeted](#)]
- See Also [1995: MOU](#)
- [Czech Republic Profile - For Australian exporters - Austrade](#)
- [A tale about a man strapped for cash who faces the perils of debt collectors](#)
*The other major contributor to the comic was **Michael Nugent**, a peace campaigner and otherwise life-long Bohemians FC fan from ORiordan Dublin...*
- See Also [Two wits to woo: There's hope only as long as we can laugh at our riches](#)
- [Death: Feel gooders aren't do gooders](#)

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Everybody's had a few
Now they're talking about who knows who...
My brother knows where the best bars are
Let's see how these blues'll do
in the town where the good times stay
Tu le ton temps that's all we say
We used to dance the night away
Me and my sister me and my brother
We used to walk down by the river
[A song where everything's still the same](#)

A Small Victory: The King

If I had tried to write with those things in mind, I believe I would have sold my birthright for a plot of message, as the old pun has it. Either way, Tabby and I would still be living in a trailer or an equivalent, a boat. My wife knows the importance of this award isn't the recognition of being a great writer or even a good writer but the recognition of being an honest writer.

*Frank Norris, the author of McTeague, said something like this: **What should I care if they, i.e., the critics, single me out for sneers and laughter? I never truckled, I never lied. I told the truth.***

And that's always been the bottom line for me. The story and the people in it may be make believe but I need to ask myself over and over if I've told the truth about the way real people would behave in a similar situation.

If I happen to be the writer of such a death bed scene, I'd choose "Son of a bitch?" over "Marry her, Jake?" every time. We understand that fiction is a lie to begin with. To ignore the truth inside the lie is to sin against the craft, in general, and one's own work in particular.

But the storyteller cannot afford to forget and must always be ready to hold himself or herself to account. He or she needs to remember that the truth lends verisimilitude to the lies that surround it. If you tell your reader:

Sometimes chickens will pick out the weakest one in the flock and peck it to death.

The people who speak out, speak out because they are passionate about the book, about the word, about the page and, in that sense, we're all brothers and sisters.

Give yourself a hand.

· [Agents of Literature](#)

· [Making Light](#)

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In the Grub Street of the twenty-first century, books are traded on less and less material, and almost never on complete manuscripts. First novels are sold on sample chapters; translations snapped up on hearsay (...) The synopsis has become the curse of the business in so many other ways. You don't have to be Roland Barthes to see that such puffery has little, or nothing, to do with real writing.

· See Also [Robert McCrum: The curse of the synopsis](#)

Publishing turns page with print on demand

A burgeoning number of authors are putting out books on their own as digital technology improves and small press runs become less expensive

This Chicago Tribune article about self-publishing covers most of the traditional bases. The interesting part comes towards the end; it's one of a number of stories picking up on the POD product line from Florida's InstaBook Corp. They are the first to provide one-at-a-time book manufacturing and binding through machines that are about the size of a photocopier. The company has targeted libraries, retailers, and government

markets. Studies show that most book purchases are made on a whim said publishing analyst Thad McLeroy:
· [People like to thumb through books they find interesting \(Rego Required\) \[No Rego here Dual Loyalty: InstaBook's Smaller POD Solution\]](#)
