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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Only a scholar of what is by now almost an academic discipline could begin to evaluate your comments on Edward Jay Epstein's book COUNTERPLOT. I am not such a scholar, nor have I ever pretended to be. As publishers of books on a variety of subjects we restrict ourselves, in making judgments, to a set of general criteria which Mr. Epstein's work is clearly in accord with. For the rest, those aspects of his book which may be open to debate should more suitably and perhaps fruitfully be discussed in public.

As for me, I consider your offer of an opportunity to recapture my integrity a misplaced kindness.

Sincerely,

Aaron Asher  
Senior Editor

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