

Dear Robert,

2/21/92

In living with and adjusting to the problems from our ages, now almost 80, and our health and the limitations it imposes, I write you in advance of making the package of books you ordered 2/17 to declare my intentions.

We also try to have a consistent policy with the books: no freebies.

But for the most part we do not sell damaged books. So I do give some of them away when I have them. They are in the basement and I do not now, in writing this, know what I have and what the box I'll use will hold. The weight of your order is the maximum the doctors permit me to lift, so ~~the~~ the box has space for and I have enough of damaged copies it may delay my shipping the box until someone is here to lift it for me. At the post office someone always carries it in.

I know we have some Whitewash IIs that were damaged in shipment as returns.

Second-hand ones are bringing a higher price, from the listings we see from time to time. I think you should be able to sell them because when 25 years old they qualify as rare books. Don't pay me anything for them. Use what you get to offset the cost of xeroxing and mailing the copies of the DPD records that I'm anxious to see, especially on the non-tramps. They were drunks, winos.

If you can also send me any stories from the local paper on these records I'd like to know what they say and have them for the historical record.

I'll also enclose a copy of our price list. Postal rates have increased many times in the past 16+ years! And we can provide Whitewash in only a quality, actual-size xerox with a durable binding. As of now we can offer Oswald in New Orleans only in a letter-size xerox, two pages on one side of a sheet. Costly and awkward. We are exploring the possibility of being able to afford a better edition.

Thanks and best wishes,

*and in a few places not
100% clear.*

Harold Weisberg

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