LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE AIDS BOOKLET

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for the nice review of "The Aids Booklet" in *Lymphology*. I'd like to answer your last question as to my identity.

I received my PhD in Psychology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. I am now a Professor Emeritus (retired) at Santa Barbara City College where I taught since 1962.

Dr. Jack Shields alerted me to HIV/AIDS in 1985 and one or both of us have attended almost all of the International AIDS conferences since that time. Having written numerous books in the fields of Psychology and Sociology he early on asked for my help in writing something for the lay person about the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The only correction I would make is that W.C. Brown in Dubuque, Iowa, took on the project at a time most publishers would not

touch it. Three years past, McGraw-Hill took over the company. You, of course, had no way of knowing this. Brown deserves a lot of credit for publishing the booklet in light of the politicization of the topic. They did it as a public service not expecting revenue from it although it has produced income. They also allowed me to update the statistics every six months which is unheard of in the publishing field.

Again, thank you for the review.

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