

Censoring Blog Content Q & A

Q: Have you ever decided not to pursue research on a niche topic?

A. Yes. I had planned to write about the entrepreneurial film *Sunshine Cleaners* but realized quickly during the preliminary fact gathering, that I did not want to learn the gritty details about businesses that specialize in crime scene cleanup...

And I had decided not to update a previous post on *The Black Russian*, but have decided to reverse the decision by answering here.

Last week, C-Span featured Professor Koritha Mitchell's lecture "Living with Lynching: African American Lynching Plays, Performance, and Citizenship, 1890-1930" and I remembered a puzzling issue I had encountered last year after learning about the life of the little-known 19th century African American millionaire profiled in *The Black Russian*.

There had to be underlying circumstances that would explain what happened in the end to the internationally known entrepreneur. Details supplied by the author via email confirmed my suspicion.

But last week, I understood fully after Professor Mitchell's lecture, And I went back and read portions of the *The Black Russian*...

I will stop here and let you draw your own conclusions

1. Watch...or listen to Dr. Mitchell's lecture.
2. Read my post about the Black Russian
3. Scan the book bio for the Black Russian and check the description of the socioeconomic status of his parents.

4 A related underlying point can also be found in my post titled Nathaniel Hawthorne <http://wp.me/p3Kr4S-3V>

Conclusion

In addition to clarity about *The Black Russian* another major lesson I came away with after Professor Mitchell's lecture is this: Apparently, even in light of horrific circumstances many human beings use their innate ability to create a way to keep living as those playwrights and dramatists did not so long ago...

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