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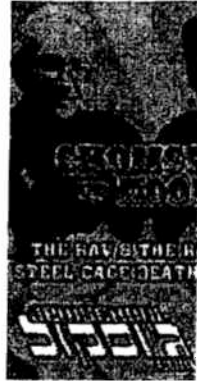
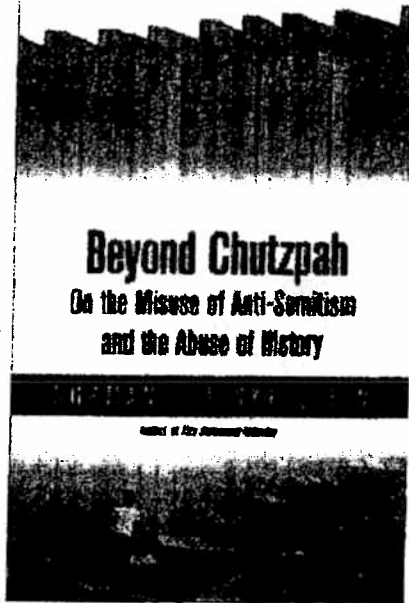
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Dershowitz & Finkelstein Affair: Lynn Withy Interview

Continuing to follow up on the Alan Dershowitz/Norman Finkelstein affair [1, 2], Campus) yesterday interviewed UC Press' Lynn Withy, whose claims to the *Daily Bruin* of being pressured by Dershowitz are what started this entire series of reportage. UC Press is planning to publish Finkelstein's *Beyond Chutzpah* in June.

The biggest news from the interview is Withy's assertion that claims Dershowitz did not write *The Case for Israel* have survived the editing process thus far, but "the allegations about authorship are one of the things" that will likely be removed. Just how much of *Beyond Chutzpah* focuses on Dershowitz was difficult to get an estimate for. The first of three parts of the book "deals with the difficulty of having a reasonable debate on Israel in this country" and cites "many scholars" including Dershowitz. The remaining two thirds at times "picks up specific points that Dershowitz makes." There is also an appendix which has similar discussion of Dershowitz. It is in that appendix that Finkelstein's source-mining claim (explained in earlier posts) is located, which will likely make it through to publication. As to the "pressure" claimed by Kennard, Withy said "I'd really rather not talk about the content of the correspondence with Dershowitz...he's not happy, and he's let us know that he's not happy." To Dershowitz's claim that Finkelstein was shut out of New Press for fear of defamation, Withy said, "I don't know what the situation was with the new press...whether they decided not to publish it, or whether," Finkelstein decided not to publish with them. In conclusion, Withy said, "we're really trying to have this book focus on the substantive issues, and not on Dershowitz."



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