

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Scott,

At the risk of being both a pedant and a crank, I wish to object to Robert Arndt's characterization of Timothy Tyson's *Blood Done Sign My Name* as a "novel" (NCL, Spring/Summer 2006, p. 45), especially since in the same review he complains about lack of bibliographical references. Sounds like sloppy editing to me!

It may be fine for Oprah Winfrey to ignore the definition of "memoir" (cf. Jonathan Frey's *A Million Little Pieces*), but it hardly behooves librarians of all people to give the impression of not understanding the differences between the horrible reality of the events that led up to the Oxford riot and imagination, which still occasionally allows us to transcend the banality of evil in the modern world.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 - Hand-written furlough (September 7, 1863) for D.B. McLauchlin was excused from reporting to the enrolling board in Lumberton, North Carolina for thirty days due to sickness. Issued by the Chairman of the Board and approved by 4th Congressional District Enrolling Officer Captain William B. Swann. Signed by J.T. Chappell.

1 - Certificate of Medical Examination of a Slave Ely, property of Benjamin Dunn of Nash County. Enrolling officer Lieut. F.A. Fetter, and Surgeon, J.M. Pelot on March 3, 1865