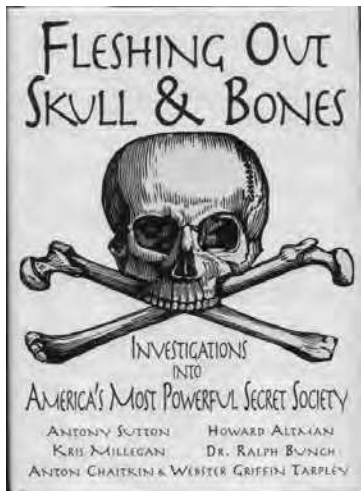


• **Fleshing Out Skull and Bones: Investigations into America's Most Powerful Secret Society (2003)**, a collection of about 30 essays exploring the deep background of the Yale secret society and its membership, which includes both Bushes, John Kerry, and many of America's most important family names: Taft, Whitney, Harriman, Bundy, a rogue's gallery of the rich and influential in business, politics, and intelligence. Millegan's own essay, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask, but Were Afraid to Know," anchors the book and tracks the "Order's" connections to a German secret society, to the China opium trade of the 1830s, to Prescott Bush (G.H.W. Bush's father) and the funding of Adolph Hitler's rise to power and the later "war" on drugs. And, "This is just the tip of the iceberg. You also have eugenics and population control, suppressed history and technology ... profitable partnerships with 'terrorists,' the involvement with the Knights of Malta, war-mongering and profiteering, mind-control, secret societies for teens, ritual magic and more." The other essays trace issues of 9/11, connections to right-wing think tanks,



• John Buchanan's **Fixing America: Breaking the Stranglehold of Corporate Rule, Big Media, and the Religious Right (2005)** is less esoteric than TrineDay's other books, but it's also intelligent, well written, carefully edited, politically practical and thoroughly documented.

Buchanan's passion for the dream of America and his understanding of American history could provide the grounding for a new and very patriotic critique of Bush-brand neo-fascism.

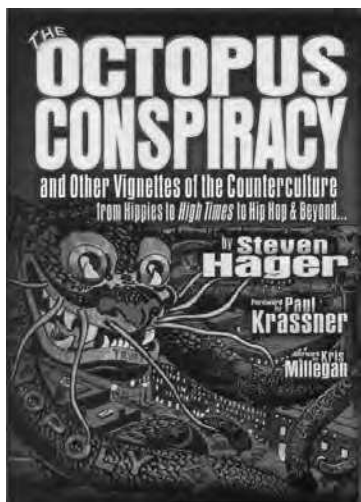
• **Expendable Elite: One Soldier's Journey into Covert Warfare (2003)** was written by Lt. Col. Daniel "Dangerous Dan" Marvin, retired from Special Forces. The book is primarily a fairly typical warrior's memoir of the Vietnam War but focused on the conduct of "unconventional warfare," including violations of borders, assassination programs, illegal interrogations, the whole litany of irregular conduct fostered by Washington policy makers in the Defense Department, the CIA and other intelligence agencies. Marvin's tale reveals brave and capable professional soldiers following orders that often compromised their safety and their

'These people can be exposed and can be driven from their virtual power by pots and pans in the streets. All it will take is a massing of people.'
— Kris Millegan

penetration into intelligence agencies, "and more." They're uneven in the quality of the writing, and many could benefit from editing and proofreading, but the contents are frequently eye-popping

• Peter Levenda's **Sinister Forces: A Grimoire of American Political Witchcraft (2005)**: A grimoire is a book of magical spells and this one conjures the deep mystical sources that have corrupted America from before its beginnings up to the present. It's dense with interwoven threads of cults and politics, scholarly in its research. Millegan is pleased with the book's success: "Sinister Forces is quite a blockbuster. The reviews of it on Amazon have been amazing. Norman Mailer just loves it."

• Peter Hager's **The Octopus Conspiracy, and other Vignettes of the Counterculture (2005)** opens with a provocative essay exploring the assassination of JFK, sorting through the evidence of the conspiracy that many people firmly believe was responsible for his murder. The rest of the book is another collection of essays, looking at the influence of the Masons and Masonic lodges, the 1993 ATF fiasco that destroyed David Koresh and the Branch Davidians in Waco, and assorted other nastiness. But Hager was a past editor of *High Times*, and his most interesting writing recalls his years on the fringe, from the hash oil competitions in Holland to the rise of graffiti and hip hop.



integrity. This book, more than any other, has brought Millegan and TrineDay under pressure, particularly from a lawsuit mounted by the Special Forces Association. The suit will probably fail, but the defense against it is draining the publisher's resources.

Millegan and his associates have, in a very brief time, succeeded in producing an impressive array of titles, with more planned. In a sense, the wild popularity of such books as *The DaVinci Code* and related work paved the way. The Internet has also opened new avenues for people to explore usually hidden issues in American culture and politics. Intelligent readers are ready to consider seriously the premise that powerful elites will collude and conspire in secret to promote their political and economic dominance. After all, the behavior of the Bush/Cheney axis has made such stuff daily news: huge no-bid contracts awarded to friends and business associates, secret bases, secret prisons and programs of torture, secret meetings with industry insiders to alter laws and policies that promote their interests, huge contributions of funds channeled to special-interest groups, *ad nauseam*. After a while, even a public clinging desperately to its comfortable illusions and entrenched denial might (some of them) be moved to accept the evidence of their senses — and take action. What's surprising is the role played in this unfolding drama by Millegan himself.

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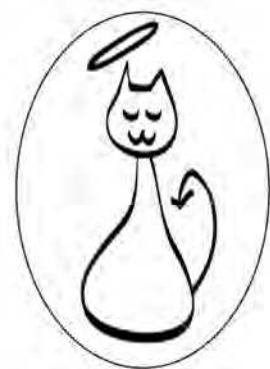


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