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Code Of Police Silence: Behind the Thin Blue Line

by Victor Paez Torres

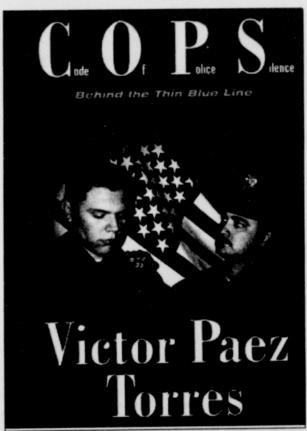
Estilo Publishing Company; 1999

Victor Torres has written a thoughtprovoking novel, which takes the readers into deep, dark forbidden caves of the controversial police "Code of Silence." The code of silence creatively called COPS by the author, no doubt will add to this controversy, with most police denying that it exists; and victims of this group silence insisting that it does. Most novelists have to immerse themselves into a subject area before they can write about it in an insightful and intelligent way. But in this case, Victor was a police officer! He knows where the skeletons are hidden and how the "Code of Silence" functions to present and serve its members.

Although he writes about one police agency, this agency is not much different from others around the country comprised predominately of "white cops" who resist the entry of minorities and women. After

all, this is one of the last places on earth where a twenty-one year old high school graduate can get an entry level job starting at \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Torres teaches that the Code not only protects its members from criminal prosecution when they have violated the law, but the Code is often used to protect, enhance and promote white males' privilege and racism in police agencies. Hence, being a Latino, African American, Asian, or female cop, may significantly increase one's vulnerability and security and not receive the benefits of the Code. Is that desirable? Does that limit your promotions? Do your values and conscience permit you to do this? There are the painful issues, which Torres struggles in with COPS. For those non-Hispanic white cops who protect themselves with the Code and have little trust in the broader non-law enforcement community, they tend to isolate themselves and socialize together as was graphically seen in the Sylvester Stallone movie, Copland-another work of fiction?



Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300

By Dr. John Coleman

America West Publishers; 1992

Can you imagine an ALL POWERFUL GROUP, that knows

OF ALL LAWS COUNTRIES, one that controls every aspect of politics, religion, commerce and industry, banking, insurance, mining, THE DRUG TRADE, the petroleum industry, a

> group ANSWER-ABLE TO NO ONE but its members? To the vast majority of us, such a group would appear to be beyond the realms of possibilities a n capabilities of any given organization. If that is what you believe, then you are in the majority. T h conception of a secret, elite group exercising control of

every aspect of our lives is beyond our comprehension. Americans are prone to say, "It can't happen here, our Constitution forbids it."

That there IS SUCH A BODY, called "THE COMMITTEE OF 300," is graphically told in this book. When most people attempt to address our problems, they speak or write about "THEY"; this book tells precisely who "THEY" are,

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