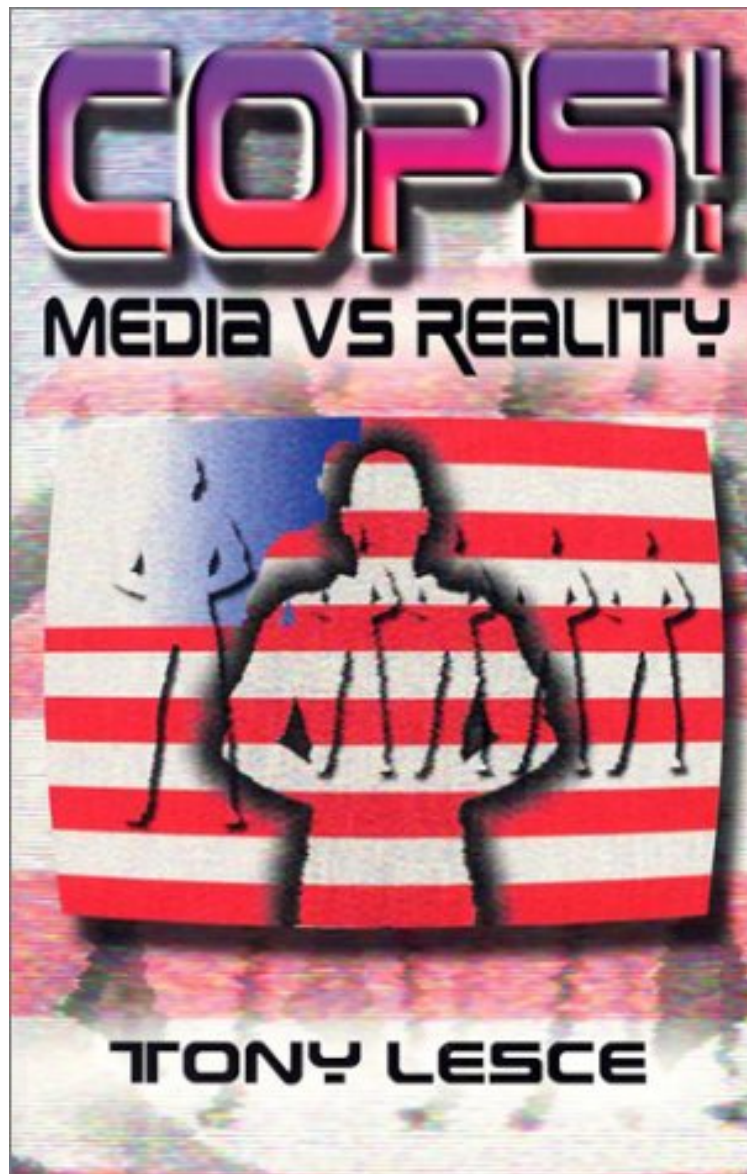


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating Read....By Serene NightI am always looking for books which might help me improve my weak areas in my writing and as such I found Cops! Vs. The Media Reality to be an educational read. The author has a very informed opinion on various subjects such as: profiling, search warrants and

"Testi-Lying" amongst other things. The book is divided into fifteen chapters and contains a number of interesting facts. I was somewhat disappointed, however, that Lesce doesn't go into more detail on the subject of common mistakes made in the entertainment industry and what the fallout in REALITY for an officer who engages in such practices might be. I'd really like to see the author explore these weak areas more, especially in more contemporary media. Overall, a must read for writers of crime fiction. 4 stars. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful.

"Interesting" read, but hardly authoritative or neutral... By AJ To start, I admit that I did enjoy reading this book overall. However, this text is just as biased as the object of its accusations, the (rest of the) media... While I don't doubt that the author has a firm grounding in the subject matter, I do wish he'd left out a few pot-shots at subjects that are irrelevant to the subject at hand, such as:- a disavowal of the current AIDS epidemic in the U.S. (p.9)- stating as fact ("a truism" in his words) that news reporters are all liberals (p.10), a topic which is hotly debated at present and not found to be "a truism"...- a strangely out-of-place jab at President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinski (p.144)- stating that West Coast police departments tend to have "higher moral standards" than others (p.128)- delineating why "fag murders" (his words) are different from other types of murder (p.39) Also, the author's excoriation of the news media is not followed up by any substantiation discussion of their errors; nearly all of his anecdotes deal with written fictional works and movies. While he does sufficiently recount a laundry list of errors in books and movies, he rarely returns the issue of the news/"press" media after the first chapter. Finally, he uses too few citations for sourced material, and of those he does attribute, most are from articles published in the Southwest U.S., or listed as "personal communication with the author" from an unnamed person. As another reviewer recommended, I'd visit the publisher's (Loompanics Unlimited) website, but not only because they offer other interesting books, but also because it will give you a very clear picture of the audience this and other of their books are aimed at. Or, in their own words as found on their site, "we are the lunatic fringe of the libertarian movement." Not necessarily a bad thing, but worth keeping in mind while reading this book, which I would still recommend for an interesting and informative read. But, have your salt-shaker nearby, because you'll need a few grains during the reading.... 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful.

Media Reality By A Customer This book, obviously written by someone who understands the way police operate, gets right to the point and doesn't mince words. The author uses examples from cop shows, detailing the way something was done on the show as opposed to the way it would be done in real life and what would happen in the real world if an incident was handled the way the way it was on the cop show. Often, the method used on TV or in a book would result in the cop being arrested or at least reprimanded. This book was interesting reading and would be good for writers and editors, if reality is a necessity. I'm not sure the real deal would make for good TV or thrilling reading. The publisher has an interesting website--worth checking out--Loompanics.

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