

THAT CRIMINAL APOLOGY!

To understand the following “apology” that was printed in the Derry News to the ‘satisfaction of **Schillings** and **J.K.Rowling**, you have to accept that the **Derry News** believed they were facing ruin if they did not comply.

Shocking!

Schillings will not be put in jail for this of course. They are lawyers who, as a breed, were loathed by Jesus Christ and for obvious reasons. They can threaten who they like with impunity. You may yourself have recourse to their services at some time in your life but that will not gainsay the fact that they are legally entitled to a level of personal violence that neither you nor I would expect to get away with. Whether on your behalf or their own, it makes no difference. Some go at it with a vengeance. Schillings, in our opinion, would fall within that category.

Here then is the actual newspaper text verbatim, as it was printed. Dec/2008. Text in red is *our* commentary to “put the record straight”.

“Last Monday’s front and third page article, ‘Harry Potter and the Bogside Artists’ suggested that author JK Rowling’s lawyers had complained to the Bogside Artists about a book called ‘Travels with Li Po’. We accept that this is not true.”

Well, wasn’t exactly Rowling’s lawyers per se. It was **Neil Blair**, lawyer to Rowling’s literary agent **Christopher Little**, who was clearly acting on Rowling’s behalf. Blair is Little’s partner, or was so at the time. What a self-serving “technicality” to pull up a newspaper on and threaten them with extinction. Their blind determination to do so and the swiftness with which they acted clearly shows severe necessity at worst and outright panic at best!

“We have been asked to point out by Ms Rowling’s lawyers that **William Kelly** of the Bogside Artists had alleged in a letter that this book had been plagiarised by Ms Rowling in her Harry Potter novels.

So very, very true!

“Ms Rowling’s literary agency wrote to Mr. Kelly refuting his claims and warning him that alleging that Ms Rowling had copied his work was defamatory and potentially actionable, and that he should desist from making such allegations.”

Yip. What they mean by “**Ms Rowling’s literary agency**” (how clever!) is actually **Neil Blair**, their acting lawyer. Little’s agency represents Rowling. How wrong are we to assume that the agency’s lawyer is representing Rowling! We have his letter in front of us. Mr. Kelly has not desisted.

“Ms Rowling’s lawyers say that no complaint has been made about his book and Ms Rowling has never read Mr. Kelly’s work, let alone plagiarised it.”

A complete lie, of course, as William knows full well she read his book and so does she. And he has made this statement in no uncertain terms on a blog for all to see. www.travelswithlipo.com and it has been there for months!

“In addition we accept that no-one on behalf of Ms Rowling has claimed that the term ‘philosopher’s stone’ is owned by Warner Bros. Really?”

Anybody reading Blair’s letter would come to the same conclusion. A lawyer indeed whom we showed it to came to same conclusion as we, viz; *the indication is that Warner Bros has copyright of the phrase “the philosopher’s stone.”*

“We apologize for publishing false allegations and for not contacting Ms Rowling beforehand so that we might inform us of the true position.”

Why should the Derry News have contacted Rowling? Rowling is uncontactable as anybody knows who has ever tried. She is guarded by her pit bulls Little and Blair and to attempt to contact her via Bloomsbury is to be queried as to your intent and purpose and a response will be predicated on whether or not they agree with your intent and purpose. If you are a reporter they will ask to see a copy of what you intend to write so that they can edit it. More to the point; why should Rowling’s word take automatic precedence over William’s or anybody else’s for that matter? Lastly,

THE ALLEGATIONS ARE NOT FALSE. AND NEVER WERE FALSE.

THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY TRUE AS ROWLING. LITTLE AND BLAIR WHO HAVE PROFITED MIGHTILY FROM THE PLAGIARISM KNOW TOO WELL.

“We are happy to set the record straight.”

No. The record is not straight. And we sure are not happy and never could be in telling lies against ourselves to make it crooked! **The record is certainly straight if you read, understand and believe what is here written in red.**

What this shameless apology amounts to and which the editor of the Derry News, if only out of respect for us, SHOULD NEVER HAVE PUBLISHED, is in effect “*setting the record*” to the satisfaction of the plagiarist and liar Rowling and the notorious Schillings and doing us incredible damage all at the same time. Not that anyone would call *that* a criminal act.

It seems that people are permitted to do under the protection of their legal profession what all of us would get put in jail for who are not privileged to work in that profession.

The machinery of the law clearly works to allow the powerful to prevail over the weak, money to prevail over the lack of it, and deception to prevail over morality.

The law is supposedly built on FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION and here are people trying to bound and gag ordinary citizens and threaten them with ruin on the basis that they have made statements with which they, representing an obvious liar and plagiarist, do not agree. Go figure!