

David Stannard

Introducing *A Little Matter of Genocide: Holocaust and Denial in the Americas 1492 to the Present* (1997), David Stannard, Professor of American Studies, University of Hawai'i-Manoa, says:

Of course, anyone familiar with [Ward Churchill's] voluminous writings during the past two decades – on subjects such as racism in American film and literature, New Age spiritual hucksterism and counterfeit Indians, U.S. government death squads, the damage done to indigenous peoples by the forces of capitalism and marxism, and a great deal more – know that Churchill quite audaciously has been courting (and finding) trouble for some time now. But with *A Little Matter of Genocide* he is certain to bring on the enmity of an entirely new and particularly vitriolic collection of critics. And this is a shame because the sentiments of his new book are extraordinarily compassionate and humanitarian, while its overall argument is eminently fair, deliberative, and reasonable. . . . But it is only because of trouble-makers like him that the deadened conscience of this nation might some day begin to stir. May his kind multiply.