

Palin's Publisher and Gawker Settle Case

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If [Gawker Media](#) had wanted to avoid a legal dispute over publishing leaked pages from [Sarah Palin](#)'s new book, it could easily have tried what media outlets have done countless times before when copies of an unreleased book or article have fallen into their hands: paraphrase and use direct quotations sparingly.

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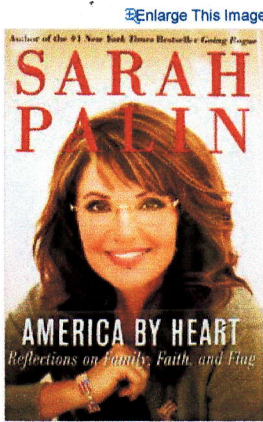
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Book excerpts were leaked.

But sidestepping a good, page-view-grabbing tussle — in this case, one that generated abundant media attention for both Gawker and Ms. Palin's book, "[America by Heart](#)," which went on sale Tuesday — has never been Gawker's style.

The decision to post [extensive excerpts](#) last week was entirely in step with Gawker's renegade approach to online media. Regardless of the potential criticism or legal complications, Gawker has made it its mission to give readers information in unedited, unfiltered form.

But this time, it may have found more trouble than it bargained for. HarperCollins, publisher of the Palin book and a part of the [News Corporation](#), prevailed in forcing Gawker to take down the excerpts. On Friday, it sued Gawker, and on Saturday, Judge [Thomas P. Griesa](#) of United States District Court in Manhattan ordered the excerpts removed pending a hearing.

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On Tuesday night, however, the publisher said that Gawker had agreed to keep the material off its Web site for good, according to a statement from Erin Crum, a spokeswoman for HarperCollins.

All along, HarperCollins had contended that posting pages from the book, a follow-up to Ms. Palin's 2009 autobiography, "[Going Rogue](#)," was a violation of copyright law.

Nick Denton, Gawker Media's owner and founder, declined to comment about the case or the reasons he and his editors decided to post more than a dozen pages. But in a memorandum to his staff in October hailing the publication of a first-person account of one young man's encounter with [Christine O'Donnell](#), the failed Senate candidate, Mr. Denton said, "Writers are successful to the extent that they can sublimate their egotism and get out of the way of the story."

Obtaining leaked copies of highly anticipated books — like President [George W. Bush](#)'s memoir — has long been something of a sport for journalists. To get around violating copyright laws while reporting on the books, media outlets have described passages by paraphrasing and using short quotations. They are free to paraphrase what is in unreleased books because only expression — not facts — can be copyrighted.

When news organizations do quote from unpublished books, they are typically at liberty to do so under the "fair use" doctrine, which allows small snippets of quotations to be published when the purpose is educational or journalistic.

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We Need a New Word for 'Fag Hag'

The collective gay hive mind has given all sorts of crap to people who use the f-word (as in "fag"), like **Brett Ratner** and **Kobe Bryant**, but even gay men walk around calling our closest female friends "fag hags." Well, it's time for an alternative.

I've been doing the same thing, walking around talking about and bitching about "fag hags" for years. I even called **Kelly Ripa** a "celebrity fag hag" yesterday. I figured if the girls called themselves that and the guys called themselves that, what's the big deal? After Gawker commenters raised some concerns, I actually thought about it. First, it's degrading to women by calling them "hags" and, if you've spent any time with the women who hang around gays in New York you'll know that they are often more attractive and well put together than the average lady.

Also, it refers to their gay friends as "fags" something we wouldn't even tolerate if Liza Minnelli called us that (maybe Judy, but not Liza!). When we toss it around to each other, that's kind of OK, but it's taken on a life of its own. Like so many other terms that once you would only hear in Chelsea or West

Hollywood, "fag hag" has gotten into the mainstream, so if average (read:straight) Americans out there are using it, maybe we need something with a better message.

The problem is the alternatives all suck. Most people fight for "fruit fly," but it is so cutesy and silly and stupid. And, just like a flock of screeching bachelorettes in a gay strip club, a fly is also a pest, a nuisance. The girls that hang around with predominantly gay men usually aren't that at all. I also hate the girls who are all "my gays" or "my best gay" like their friend is some sort of accessory, like he's some bedazzled Prada purse who you take shopping and, every time you

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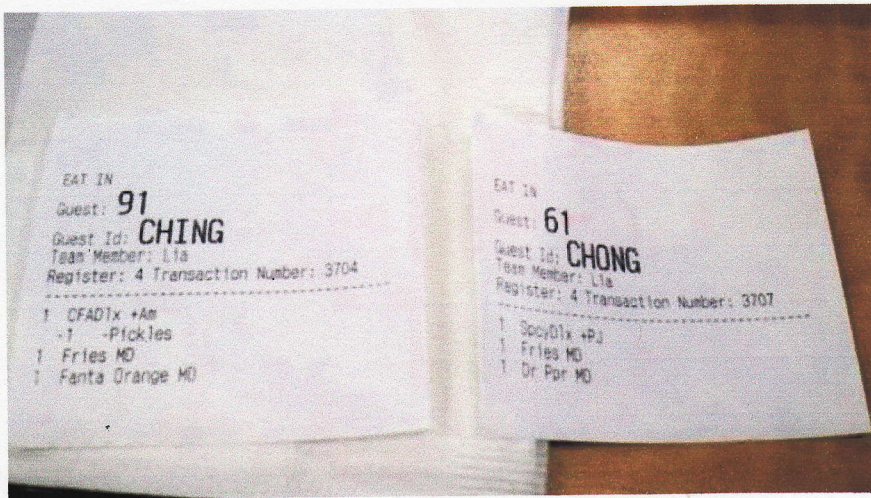
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Well, this won't help Chick-fil-A appear any less **bigoted**: A Tumblrer d/b/a "Lolwhut" reports that his friend and an acquaintance—both of whom are Asian—stopped by a Chick-fil-A in Irvine for some sandywiches and, upon placing their orders, received these receipts referring to them as "Ching" and "Chong." The cashier's name: **Rosie O'Donnell**.

No it wasn't! It was "Lia." After learning of his friend's encounter with Racist Lia, Lolwhut stopped by the Chick-fil-A and **confronted the manager**:

I told him that this cannot happen ever again. I chose to be calm about it, but I was ready to go off. I made it known that it wasn't okay, and that I didn't appreciate it whatsoever. I think I indirectly fired Lia..."

As **pointed out** by the *Orange County Weekly*, Lolwhut has written a follow-up Tumbldpost in which he asks the outraged public at large not to make sweeping generalizations about Chick-fil-A employees based on just one employee's actions, but to "be respectful and THINK." So please continue doing lunchtime business with ~~Chink~~ Chick-fil-A: your source for anti-Asian purchase slips and heterosexual-friendly waffle fries.

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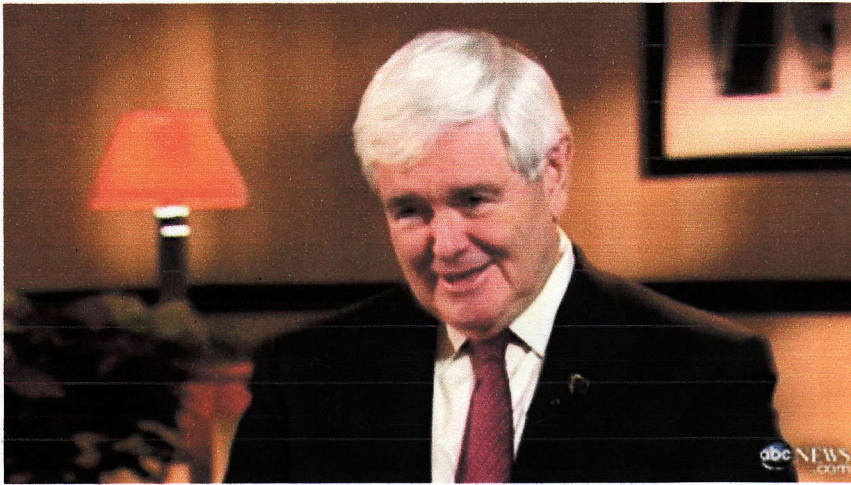
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That's it, folks! Roll up the circus tents and pack up the wagons: The nationwide search for a foe worthy enough to do battle with President Obama in the 2012 presidential election is finally over. The nominee is Newt Gingrich. It's done! Over. Kaput. Newt said as much to **ABC News's Jake Tapper** this afternoon:

GINGRICH: "I don't have to go around and point out the inconsistencies of people who are not going to be the nominee. They are not going to be the nominee."














TAPPER: "You are going to be the nominee?"

GINGRICH: "I'm going to be the nominee. It's very hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high I'm going to be the nominee."

Wait — it's hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high that he *will* be the nominee? Doesn't he mean it's hard not to look at the recent polls and think that the odds are very high that he *won't* be the nominee? What kind of convoluted declaration of overwhelming party support is that supposed to be, anyway? If this is the kind of mixed messages were getting this early in his campaign, Newt is all but a goner on election day. He should try not being so decisive in public; it's really not a good look on him.



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