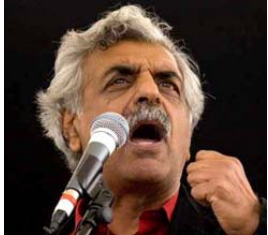


What people have said about *Race Against Death*:



Pam Africa, activist in Philadelphia: I highly recommend reading about the important new evidence presented in German author Michael Schiffmann's new book on the case of Mumia – especially the new discovery of crime-scene photos that expose police manipulation of evidence at the scene.

I'm really impressed with this book ... and want it distributed as much as possible.



Tariq Ali, author, playwright, and activist: *Race Against Death* is both scholarly and readable, the most comprehensive account to date of the sordid attempt to kill yet another Afro-American in a US prison. Michael Schiffmann's meticulous research leaves one in no doubt that this is a frame-up. I hope it will make the campaign to save Mumia Abu-Jamal's life a truly global campaign.



Hans Bennett, journalist in Philadelphia: I've read it all and I'm really impressed with this book. It brings some very serious new analysis ... very very cool.

This really is a dynamite book and couldn't come at a better time since the oral arguments in Mumia's 3rd Circuit Court appeal will happen in early 2007.



Todd Steven Burroughs, lecturer, journalist, and author of a forthcoming journalistic biography of Mumia Abu-Jamal: On 2004 version: Schiffmann's expertise is so complete I am proud to say, even as a "rival" biographer, that I am using his thesis as a research template for my own in-process biography on Mumia.

On expanded 2006 version: Michael Schiffmann has lobbed a stick of dynamite into the Mumia case.



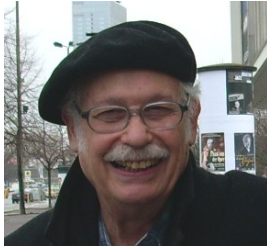
Noam Chomsky, linguist, author, activist: Michael Schiffmann's careful and scrupulous inquiry into the events and the available evidence, bringing to light much that is new or was obscured, raises understanding of this painful and critically important case to a new level. Not only his comprehensive research, but also his penetrating evaluation of the background and import, should be the basis for further engagement in the case itself and the intricate array of issues in which it is embedded.



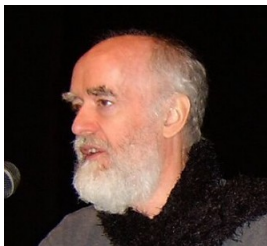
Dorothea Fischer-Hornung, Executive Officer of The Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies: Europe and the Americas: I am convinced that there is a wide audience for this manuscript both within the United States (where it will, I suspect, become the definitive work on Abu-Jamal) and for activists and academics working in African American and U.S Studies world-wide. Based on my experience in academe and in publishing, I can assure you that this manuscript will address a wide and varied audience.



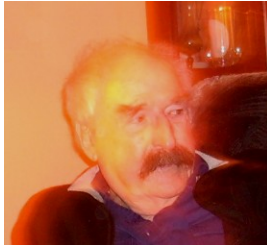
Frances Goldin, literary agent of Mumia Abu-Jamal: *Race Against Death* is a carefully-researched, well thought-out work which explains more recent developments in the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Being a less-than-impartial player, as Mumia Abu-Jamal’s literary agent, I applaud Schiffmann for shining a bright light on unknown facts and crucial evidence. An innocent, maligned man must be freed.



Victor Grossman, German-American author and journalist in East-Berlin: Despite the intrinsically bitter brutality of the facts, Michael Schiffmann, on whose doctoral dissertation at the University of Heidelberg in Germany the present book is based, has achieved the feat to write them up in a way that you don’t want to put the book down. He guides his readers through the juridical jungle of the American legal system leading them step by step to a comprehension of it all.



Dave Lindorff, author of the 2002 book on Mumia Abu-Jamal *Killing Time*: On 2004 version: Michael Schiffmann has done an excellent and meticulous job of examining the grotesque miscarriage of justice which is the death penalty case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. Readers of his book cannot fail to see how no poor or minority person can expect the justice and fair trial promised by the U.S. Constitution. On 2006 version: Chapter 8 is great, especially the stuff on the photos.



Walter Kaufmann, East-German novelist and journalist with extensive U.S. experience: Very readable and often gripping. ... What Schiffmann writes on the murder of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton as well as on police brutality in the United States prepares the reader for the fateful entanglement of Mumia Abu-Jamal in the murder of a cop and shows why the criminal justice system wouldn’t let go of a revolutionary educator such as Abu-Jamal, imprisoning him on death row instead.



Jeff Mackler, co-chair of the San Francisco Mobilization to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal: Schiffmann’s insightful review of the U.S. civil right’s movement, beginning in the early 1950s, provides the backdrop for evaluating a case that has become synonymous with a criminal “justice” system that has run amok. ... With the precision and caution of a trained researcher and convinced that a great injustice has been perpetrated, he presents perhaps the most credible case for Mumia’s innocence to date.



Dieter Schulz, former Chair of English Studies the University of Heidelberg, board member of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies: The abundance of facts is as overwhelming as the combination of the author’s own commitment (this is a study that is ‘prejudiced’ in the best sense of the word), acumen, scientific precision, and also not least his stylistic brilliance. By working out representative traits, this study makes an important contribution to the social and cultural history of the United States.

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Mark Taylor, Professor of Theology in Princeton: The manuscript is superb, not simply because it has a strong advocacy position for Mumia, but because of its scholarship and rigor of presentation. Tariq Ali's endorsement is surely correct. . . It is also (1) marked by a valuable comprehensiveness, summarizing both the historical *and* legal contexts, as well as (2) a stunning presentation of new material that is potentially exculpatory . . . and about which many, even among Mumia's supporters, do not know.



Linn Washington, veteran journalist and Professor for Journalism at Temple University: On the 2004 version: I offer my enthusiastic endorsement of this book from my unique posture as an investigative journalist who has reported on and written about the Abu-Jamal case from December 9, 1981 – the date of his arrest.
On the 2006 version: Schiffmann provides information blowing big holes in the ballistics evidence presented by prosecutors and police.



Lamar Williams, journalist and filmmaker in Pittsburgh: As for the crime scene, it is as if someone opened another window onto it, including the excellent maps. Clarity is the other striking thing about the presentation. I'm glad I've found someone who is as artistically, humanistically, journalistically committed to this case as Schiffmann. I can say with certitude that he has hit a homerun with his book. His discourse sets itself apart from the other books on the case by the deep background he brings to the issue.