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SPIN GOING SOFT ON HARD ROCKERS?

Controversial rock stars Courtney Love and Kurt Cobain want to put their own spin on stories.

The husband and wife have been suspicious of the press ever since Love was quoted as saying she used drugs while she was pregnant—something she has since denied.

Now Love and Cobain have granted an interview to *Spin* magazine, and some media insiders are upset because the interviewer is Jonathan Poneman, an owner of Sub Pop, the record label where both have recorded. "It's one of the most flagrant examples of biased journalism I've ever seen," says one irate insider. "Of course he's going to do something positive. He's probably still getting royalties from their early record."

"It's not about being biased," says *Spin* editor and publisher Bob Guccione Jr. "Poneman only interviewed them for a Q&A. This is not some investigative piece on politics or AIDS we're talking about. . . . What you're hearing is simply sour grapes from other journalists who can't get access to them." Whether or not Poneman gets any proceeds from the pair's previous work, Guccione says, is "irrelevant."

DAVID CASSIDY TO KIBITZ ABOUT KEITH

Now David Cassidy cherishes publishing. The former teen idol has just made a six-figure deal to write his autobiography for Warner Books. Cassidy will chronicle his years with television's *Partridge Family*, including his relationship with Susan Dey, who played his sister in the pivotal seventies series, says agent Kevin McShane of the Fifi Osgard agency. The co-author is Chris Kreski, who seems to be carving out a niche: He helped write a recent tell-all on *The Brady Bunch* and has just signed a deal with HarperCollins to co-author William "Captain Kirk" Shatner's autobiography.