

## Once-An-Eagle.com: the Newsletter (January 2008)

Dear OAE fan,

Here is the second issue of the *Once An Eagle Newsletter!*

In this issue, you will find:

- [www.once-an-eagle.com](http://www.once-an-eagle.com) brings “Once An Eagle,” the television miniseries, to Youtube
- An introduction to the International Movie Database and the information it contains concerning the “Once An Eagle” miniseries
- A mini-review of the recently released Vietnam novel *Tree of Smoke*
- The newest additions to the Home Page of [www.once-an-eagle.com](http://www.once-an-eagle.com)



**“Once An Eagle”** the television miniseries...

...is now on **Youtube!**

Six (6) excerpts totaling **13+ minutes!**

**GO TO:** <http://www.youtube.com/onceaneagle>

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### International Movie Database

I'd like to introduce you to the International Movie Database at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). It is an incredibly comprehensive collection of a wide array of information on every movie of note ever made. One of those movies, of course, is the “Once An Eagle” miniseries.

Among other things, the IMDB solicits both ratings and comments from registered database users.

Ratings: As of January 1, 2008, 175 registered users of [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) had rated “Once An Eagle”. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, there were

- 131 ratings of **10** (75%)
- 22 ratings of **9** (13%)
- 16 ratings of **8** ( 9%)
- Other ratings **6** ( 3%)

Comments: As of January 1, 2008, 34 registered users of [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) had posted their comments on “Once An Eagle”. The comments, as you might guess, are overwhelmingly positive.

If (and only if) you are so inclined, it would help the “Give Us the Miniseries” campaign if you were to do the following (Items 1 through 3 are the easiest and most important):

1. Visit [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) and register as a user. It is free and quite easy to do. They do not share your information or send you unsolicited emails.
2. In the search box, enter “once an eagle”. On the 8<sup>th</sup> line down, in the center, under User Rating, click on [more](#). Record your vote.
3. After you vote, go back one page or click on [Once An Eagle](#) and look for “Related Links”. Click on “User Comments”. Click on [Index](#). Search the list for my comment “Once An Eagle has a dedicated website” and, at the end of my comment, please answer the question “Was the above comment useful to you?” by checking the box “Yes”.
4. Click on [Index](#) again and below the last comment in the index, click on [Add a comment](#).

Thank you!

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Anyone who has not seen their “give us the miniseries” comments can link to <http://www.once-an-eagle.com/docs/giveustheminiseries.pdf>. Over 100 comments and climbing!

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**TH Personal:** Mini-review of *Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnson

From the back of the CD:

“This is the story of William "Skip" Sands, CIA - engaged in Psychological Operations against the Vietcong – and the disasters that befall him. This is also the story of the Houston brothers, Bill and James, young men who drift out of the Arizona desert and into a war where the line between disinformation and delusion has blurred away. In its vision of human folly, this is a story like nothing in our literature.”

For the last several weeks, during my 20 minute commute to my regular job, I have been listening to *Tree of Smoke* on CD. I was really excited about the release of this novel, as there have been all too few Vietnam novels in recent years. Unfortunately, *Tree* was a huge disappointment and my excitement went up in smoke. Mr. Johnson is obviously a talented writer, but the story itself is largely uninteresting and quite confusing. It is populated by a cast replete with despicable characters...not a single protagonist here. The reviewer in *The New York Times Book Review* wrote: “Pretty much impossible to stop reading...” I, on the other hand, had to force myself to get through it. If I had been reading it, and not listening to it, I would have put

the book down very early on. Only Will Patton's extraordinary reading talents enabled me to finish it. I do not recommend it.

Next month: *The Red Badge of Courage* (on CD) and *The Bridge Over the River Kwai* (on CD)

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The newest additions/changes to the Home Page of [www.once-an-eagle.com](http://www.once-an-eagle.com) are:

- A very challenging 40-word Once An Eagle crossword puzzle
- "Military Humor"
- Virtually all advertising banners have been replaced with text links

Please check all of the above out at the link below:

[www.once-an-eagle.com](http://www.once-an-eagle.com)

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You can download this newsletter in printer-friendly PDF format (1.6Mb) here:

<http://www.once-an-eagle.com/oaenewsletter/newsletter.pdf>

I hope that you find the ***Once-An-Eagle Newsletter*** helpful and that you enjoy the ever-growing once-an-eagle website. And, if you feel so inclined, please forward the newsletter to anyone you think might have an interest.

I continue to welcome your comments and suggestions.

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