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Court clears Hubbard book for publishing

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NEW YORK — An upcoming critical biography of L. Ron Hubbard, author and founder of the Church of Scientology, may be published in its original form, a federal appeals court ruled.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court's ruling in February for New Era Publications International, exclusive licensee of Hubbard's works, which had filed a copyright infringement lawsuit.

Hubbard died in 1986.

The appeals court held Thursday the book's quotations from Hubbard's published works, which amount to about 3 percent of the total biography by Jon Atack, called *A Piece of Blue Sky: Scientology, Dianetics and L. Ron Hubbard Exposed* constituted fair use.