

characters are composites of real people. It is a story of the Klu Klux Klan and apparently every event that is related actually happened. In the words of a reviewer of this book for the *Illustrated London News* it is "ugly reading but no uglier than the reality: a chronicle of rape, lynching, and torture".

It is a tough story but a story that is told well and taken as a whole it is not indecent.

The Tribunal classifies it as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

30 July 1971.

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*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Secretary for Justice for a decision in respect of the book *The Man of Pleasures Companion* by Peter Fryer, published by New English Library, London.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS book is "a nineteenth century anthology of amorous entertainment". The amorous entertainment consists of a choice collection of passages from books, poems, magazines, and papers of that century.

Unlike other books of this kind which lack any reference to sources, a short bibliography at the back of this book indicates where the author has derived some of his material.

The Tribunal acknowledges that the anthology could be of interest to the student of Victorian society and its literature. There are, however, passages from various publications which combine sex and violence in such a way as to lead the Tribunal to impose a classification.

The Tribunal classifies it as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 years.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

30 July 1971.

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*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the book *Bloody Mama* by Robert Thorn, published by New English Library, London.

There was no appearance of the applicant nor of the publisher's representative in New Zealand. Accordingly no submissions were made.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THIS novel is in the tradition of "Bonnie and Clyde" but the criminal incidents are in greater number and variety and are more extreme in their depravity.

The book may be read as a riot of hilarity and a small proportion of readers would find enormous humour and entertainment in it. On the other hand, most people would see in it a glamorising of just about all the evils in the calendar of human iniquity; it has an insidious persuasiveness that makes its treatment of sex, horror, cruelty, crime, and violence injurious to the public good.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

30 July 1971.

*Temporary Protection of Industry*

NOTICE is hereby given that applications have been received for temporary protection, in terms of the Tariff and Development Board Act 1961 and its amendments, for the following goods:

Tariff Item                      Goods

Ex 37.01.09 } Sensitised polyester melinex film.  
Ex 37.02.09 }  
Ex 48.07.19 Self-adhesive cast coated paper in sheets, coated with permanent adhesive.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of July 1971.

M. T. LEECH, Assistant Comptroller of Customs.

*The Standards Act 1965—Draft New Zealand Standard Specification Available for Comment*

PURSUANT to subsection (3) of section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, notice is hereby given that the following draft New Zealand standard specification is being circulated:

Number and Title of Specification

DZ 6361/221 Electric soldering irons.

All persons who may be affected by this specification and who desire to comment thereon may, upon application, obtain a copy on loan from the Standards Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Display Centre Building, Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington. Additional copies are obtainable at 50c a copy from the same address.

The closing date for the receipt of comment is 3 September 1971.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of August 1971.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/8)

*The Standards Act 1965—Draft New Zealand Standard Specification Available for Comment*

PURSUANT to subsection (3) of section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, notice is hereby given that the following draft New Zealand standard specification is being circulated:

Number and Title of Specification

DZ 4501/213 Code of practice for the marking of fire hydrants.

All persons who may be affected by this specification and who desire to comment thereon may, upon application, obtain a copy on loan from the Standards Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Display Centre Building, Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington. Additional copies may be purchased at 50c a copy from the same address.

The closing date for the receipt of comment is 17 September 1971.

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of July 1971.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/8)

*The Standards Act 1965—Draft Amendment to New Zealand Standard Specification Available for Comment*

PURSUANT to subsection (3) of section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, notice is hereby given that the following draft amendment is being circulated:

Number and Description of Draft

DZ 2129/222 Draft amendment to NZS 2129: 1967 Sands for mortars, plasters, and external renderings.

NOTE—When issued, this amendment will remove an anomaly in the requirements respecting fine material passing the No. 200 test sieve.

All persons who may be affected by this amendment and who desire to comment thereon may, upon application, obtain a copy on loan from the Standards Association of New Zealand, New Zealand Display Centre Building, Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington. Additional copies are obtainable at 50c a copy from the same address.

The closing date for the receipt of comment is 27 August 1971.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of July 1971.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/8)