

behaviour. These illustrations dominate the volumes. They are taken from various times and various pictorial genres, with their sources being acknowledged in the "List of Illustrations" where they are elaborately numbered as plates and figures. But there is no attempt whatever to use the pictures to illustrate points in the text. They are intended to make their own appeal.

In the Tribunal's view this appeal is to prurient interest in the behaviour shown and none of the four volumes displays an honest purpose or an honest thread of thought and the text is merely a camouflage designed to render acceptable the gross indecency of the illustrations (section 11 (f)).

The Tribunal classifies these books as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 September 1971.

No. 348

*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 *Sex and the Over-Forties* by Robert Chartham, 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 gives an informative account of the effect of age on the physical organs of the body. It also offers advice on the conduct of sexual relationships in such circumstances and case histories are cited in support.

In the opinion of the Tribunal the book is not indecent and although the author does not claim any particular qualification in this field of study the book, couched in layman's language, could possibly be of help to some adults. Because of its explicit treatment of sexual practices it should be restricted.

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

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 September 1971.

No. 349

*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 *Naked Came the Stranger* by Penelope Ash, published by Sphere Books Ltd., London.

There was no appearance for the Comptroller of Customs. Mr P. J. Downey appeared for Seven Seas Publishing Pty. Ltd., one of the distributors, and advised that the book had been on the best-seller lists in the United States for 4 months, and had been on sale in New Zealand for some time. Barrie and Jenkins Ltd. had published a hardback edition in 1970: it had sold freely and widely. This year Sphere Books had put out the paperback submitted to us. It had been widely

imported by wholesalers and directly by booksellers. The initial indent of the paperback edition was 3,000 copies, retailing here at something over 75c.

Mr Downey also submitted publicity material indicating that the name Penelope Ashe is a pseudonym, that the book is in fact a symposium organised by a New York journalist called Mike McGrady who called on 25 friends each to submit a chapter—there are 14 chapters in the book as published.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THE theme is the decision of a wife whose husband has been unfaithful to her, to "even the score". Remorselessly she devastates the male population of her fashionable suburb in a sex drive of heroic proportions. Mr McGrady's aim is stated in the publisher's material as "to initiate the hairiest hoax of the decade and commission the worse best seller imaginable, crammed with planned unintentional humour, loaded with lewdly descriptive lust, incorporating every nauseating nuance of popular fiction".

Mr McGrady has succeeded in his avowed aim of producing a bad best seller, and it does exhibit in some degree the features he lists as desiderata. His success makes it impossible in terms of the statute to let the book go free: there is very little literary merit to outweigh the several "lewdly descriptive" passages that some of his contributors have supplied. The quantum of these is not great, but though satirical they are likely in our view to be misconceived as exhibiting an approving attitude to some forms of perversion. We feel bound accordingly to restrict the circulation of the book.

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

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

13 September 1971.

*Indecent Publications Tribunal*

I, Jack Alexander McLeod Kean, Comptroller of Customs, give notice that I have applied to the Indecent Publications Tribunal for a decision as to whether the book *The Mile High Set*, author Johnny Douglas, published by New English Library, London, is indecent or not or for a decision as to its classification.

*Indecent Publications Tribunal*

I, Jack Alexander McLeod Kean, Comptroller of Customs, give notice that I have applied to the Indecent Publications Tribunal for a decision as to whether the book *Black Velvet*, author Joseph Chadwick, published by New English Library from Barnards' Inn, Holborn, London, is indecent or not or for a decision as to its classification.

*Indecent Publications Tribunal*

I, Jack Alexander McLeod Kean, Comptroller of Customs, give notice that I have applied to the Indecent Publications Tribunal for a decision as to whether the book *The World of Sex*, author Henry Miller, published by Grove Press Inc., New York, is indecent or not or for a decision as to its classification.

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