

standing in the field of popular writing about sex, and we concede that there is a place for information of this kind, popularly presented for persons unlikely to approach other sources. This book is written for the average man and woman rather than for the "advanced lover", and in many cases the advice and information it contains could be very helpful.

The Tribunal classifies this book as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.

No. 377

*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 *Lesbian Secrets* by Evelyn Theodor, published by Luxor Press Ltd., London.

There was no appearance of the applicant. Mr Downey, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the publishers and made submissions.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

THE Tribunal was invited by Mr Downey to consider this book as comparable to another on the same subject from the same publisher which was allowed restricted circulation in decision No. 125. The Tribunal said of that earlier book "The subject is treated in a scholarly and objective fashion (attested by careful chapter notes, bibliographies, and index) calculated rather to increase understanding than to pander to prurience".

*Lesbian Secrets*, however, lacks entirely a scholarly apparatus and the dominant effect of the book is like that of several other books which the Tribunal has rejected as pseudo-scientific assemblages of case-history and fictional experiences. The text, the use made of illustrations, and the cover material all indicate that a prurient response and not an honest inquiring one is sought from readers.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.

No. 378

*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 *Sex Manners for Men* by Robert Chartham, PH.D., 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 is a plain, even prosaic, presentation of sexual information and technique. The "uniqueness" claimed for it on the cover is more a matter of its particular emphasis as part of a series of sex guides than of any special merit or insight. It cannot be said to deal with sex in a manner injurious to the public good.

The Tribunal classifies this book as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.

No. 379

*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 *Sex Manners for Single Girls* by Dr Georges Valensin, 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

ONE copy only of this paperback was supplied to the Tribunal and accordingly the decision has been delayed.

The book written by Dr Georges Valensin who is described on the cover as an eminent French sexologist gives advice on the sexual problems of today's unmarried woman. The book

is frank and explicit and Dr Valensin does endeavour to give a balanced statement and advice on the difficulties likely to be encountered by single girls, as is instanced by the chapters on the advantages and disadvantages of premarital relations.

In the opinion of the Tribunal the book is not indecent but because of the frankness of the writing it feels that it should not be readily available to young people.

The Tribunal classifies it as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 16 years.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.

No. 380

*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 Scandal Goddess* by William Hegner, published by Dell Publishing Co. Inc., New York.

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

*The Scandal Goddess* is a satirical projection of a well-known and vicious type of character assassin who operates through syndicated gossip columns and sometimes on the air or the television screen as well. It is formula moving-picture material, and a note on the not very restrained cover claims that it is "soon to be a major movie".

This is by no means an unskilful example of its type, credibly taking the principal character through stages of anaesthetising of conscience and first disciplined and then unbridled attacks on victims and rivals, and finally disaster. Stripped of adventitious but quite extensive and obscene passages *The Scandal Goddess* will probably make a major movie, though an unkind one, for some of the victims are prominent and recognisable people. But the extent of the depravity and off-beat sex motivation of the principal character, Adrienne Drum, remove the story from the realm of reasonable fiction. There is so massive an injection of unusual sex activity and it is so little necessary to the presentation of the character concerned that we find that the book offends against section 11 (1) (f) of the Act, and that there can be no question of its being redeemed under section 11 (2).

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.

No. 381

*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 *Wham* by Mike Stout, published by Sphere Books Ltd., 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

THE title of this book is derived from the name of a women's liberation movement called We Hate All Males, a militant movement—militant to the extent of throwing all males out of Parliament and taking over the Government of the U.K. with its leader, Lydia, a female Hitler surrounded by female storm troopers and secret police women. The story is a satire, in places amusing, on this new form of women's activity. The treatment of lesbianism and violence is necessary for the main satirical purpose of this book and the emphasis on these is not of sufficient significance to move the Tribunal to class the book as indecent.

The Tribunal classifies this book as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

26 November 1971.