

offensive nor capable of involving the harms we identify, and because of its importance in conveying ideas.

I recognise that representational photography, for those entrusted with the perplexing task of deciding between the acceptable and non-acceptable, is one of the nicest problems of line drawing which must be faced.

I think that every item which comes before the Tribunal for decision must be measured against the definition of indecency, and the considerations contained in s. 11 of the Act which are not exhaustive. However, I think that a book or sound recording is likely to be indecent and injurious to the public good if:

1. It is predominantly concerned with the prurient and lewd aspects of sex; and
2. The exact subject-matter is described, depicted or expressed in a patently offensive manner so as to concentrate attention and reaction on the prurient and lewd aspects of sex; and
3. The work looked at in its entirety had negligible literary or artistic merit, and is otherwise not redeemed by its medical, legal, political, social, or scientific character or importance.
4. The likelihood of corruption far outweighs possible benefit.
5. The sincerity of purpose which produced the item is gravely in question.

Bearing in mind the criteria set out in that judgment, I think it can be said with certainty that this book is likely to be injurious to the public good because it fails to meet any of the matters mentioned at the end of the quotation.

The Tribunal classifies it as indecent.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 1980.

Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Decision No. 957

Reference No. 1/80

*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 in respect of the publication *Xaviera's Supersex*, published by the New American Library Inc.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Judge W. M. Willis (chairman).  
Mesdames L. Edmond, H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera.

Hearing: 11 March 1980.

Appearances: Mr P. E. Leloir for Comptroller of Customs.

*Decision*

This publication was imported commercially at Auckland in August 1979. Forfeiture is disputed by the importer, Shop Six, which has made written submissions.

The publication is reputed to be a book of sexual techniques designed to result in greater pleasure in sexual relationships. As well as advice on normal straight forward sexual techniques, this book describes and encourages matters of deviate sex, such as lesbianism, bondage, and wife swapping.

Considerable doubt is raised with regard to the honesty of purpose of the authoress. The work, looked at as a whole, has little or no literary or artistic merit and is not redeemed by other characteristics. Whilst it is not as explicit as many books of similar type it is concerned solely with sex and with the more extreme sexual activities. There is little in the book to recommend it to the public good.

The Tribunal classifies this book as indecent.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 1980.

Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Decision No. 958

Reference No. 2/80

*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by William Collins Publishers Limited for a decision in respect of the following publication: *Gates of Fire*, published by Fontana Paperbacks.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Judge W. M. Willis (chairman).  
Mesdames L. Edmond, H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera.  
Mr J. V. B. McLinden.

Hearing: 22 April 1980.

No Appearances.

*Decision*

This book has been submitted to the Tribunal by the importers, William Collins Publishers Limited, for classification. The company did not make any submissions.

This book was first published in the United States in 1978. It is a novel of little literary quality, the story of a drug ring that wants to break in to the large market in India. Because of their experiences in India the group decides to destroy the drug, but before they can do so the character carrying the drug is murdered and it falls in to the hands of Indian criminals.

The book contains explicit descriptions of sodomy on males and females, multiple sex and some scenes depicting sexual sadism. However, it is clearly not written primarily to appeal to the prurient or lascivious reader, but to describe a woman's journey towards mystical awareness as shown her by an Indian guru.

The Tribunal is of the opinion that in the hands of adult readers this book would not be injurious and classifies it as indecent except in the hands of persons 18 years and over.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 1980.

Judge W. M. WILLIS, Chairman.

Decision No. 959

Reference No. 2/80

*Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal*

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by William Collins Publishers Limited for a decision in respect of the following publication: *Making Love*, The Picador Book of Erotic Verse published by Pan Books Limited.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Judge W. M. Willis (chairman).  
Mesdames L. Edmond, H. B. Dick, L. P. Nikera.  
Mr J. V. B. McLinden.

Hearing: 22 April 1980.

No Appearances.

*Decision*

This book was referred to the Tribunal for classification by William Collins Publishers Limited. No submissions were made by the company.

The editor and compiler of this anthology of verse has prepared it, as he explains in the introduction, for general reading as well as for serious students of poetry hoping that the book will "delight and instruct a tolerant public". The range of material is very wide; there are selections from Greek, Latin, and Hebrew verse in translation and from English and European poetry by such acknowledged masters as Chaucer, Herrick, Shakespeare, Byron, Baudelaire, Yeats and Lorca. There are some bawdy ballads of more modern vintage. It has literary merit and plainly is honest in its purpose of covering erotic verse over the centuries. It may well be that some of the earlier poems were considered risqué in their time. Without the inclusion of recent work the volume would be incomplete. While some of the verse would doubtless have more attraction for the younger group, it seems clear to the Tribunal that the book is aimed at the serious student and the more mature reader. The Tribunal classifies it as not indecent.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 1980.

Judge W. M. WILLIS, (Chairman).

Decision No. 960

Reference No. 44/79, 49/79, 50/79

*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 following publications: *Pokin Fun*, published anonymously; *Late Night Extra*, published by Interman International Management Inc.;