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Updating a 1984 publication, this bibliography lists and briefly annotates 35 selected books (published from 1957 to 1987) about the censorship of sexual materials from ancient times to the present. A list of five reference sources is included for those who wish to add materials from periodicals. (SR)

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This is a bibliography of books about the censorship of sexual materials from ancient times to the present. Those who wish to add materials from periodicals are referred to the standard periodical indexes, and to these reference volumes: Ralph E. McCoy, Freedom of the Press: An Annotated Bibliography (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1968); Ralph E. McCoy, Freedom of the Press: A Bibliography, Ten Year Supplement (1967-1977) (Carbondale Southern Illinois University Press, 1978); and Greg Byerly and Rick Rubin, Pornography, the Conflict over Sexually Explicit Materials in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography (New York: Garland, 1980). Also, the search for essays should include the Free Speech Yearbook, published annually since 1970 by the Speech Communication Association; and the search for current events should include the bi-monthly Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, published by the American Library Association (50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611).


Boyer, Paul S. Purity in Print: The Vice-Society Movement and Book Censorship in America. New York: Charles Scribner's and Sons, 1968. This well-documented work surveys the history of censorship in America from the beginning of the vice society movement of the mid-nineteenth century to the 1930's.


the federal mail-censorship statute of 1873, makes his emotional case for the suppression of "immoral literature" and other "vices" in this quaint publication—a fascinating artifact from the history of censorship in America.


Donnerstein, Edward L. *The Question of Pornography: Research Findings and Policy Implications.* New York: Free Press 1987. As the title suggests, this work reports research findings concerning the effect of sexual materials on persons, and some policy implications that emerge from those findings.


Ernst, Morris L., and Schwartz, Alan U. *Censorship: The Search for the Obscene.* New York: Macmillan, 1964. The authors, both of whom are lawyers, have written a history and analysis of the "obscenity" controversy from pre-Comstock to post-Roth.


Goldstein, Michael, and Kant, Harold. *Pornography and Sexual Deviance.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 1973. This book reports the results of a research project on the causal relationship between erotica and anti-social behavior; it concludes that there is little evidence to show that reading or viewing sexual materials causes one to act uncivilized.


Haselden, Kyle. *Morality and the Mass Media.* Nashville: Broadman Press, 1968. Baptist Haselden presents a "protestant viewpoint" on censorship, reaching a conclusion that juveniles should be protected but that adults, by and large, should be permitted to make free choices.

Holbrook, David, ed. *The Case Against Pornography.* LaSalle, IL: The Library Press, 1973. Holbrook's collection includes essays by psychiatrists, psychotherapists, academicians, novelists, critics, and journalists—all of whom argue that "pornography" is a threat to civilization.


Marcus, Steven. *The Other Victorians: A Study of Sexuality and Pornography in Mid-Nineteenth-Century England*. New York: Basic Books, 1966. This history and criticism of the literary sub-culture of Victorian England was the first of the Kinsey Institute's series of studies in sex and society. Scholarly and well written, it helps to explain contemporary Comstockery.


Obeler, Eli M. *The Fear of the Word: Censorship and Sex*. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1974. Obeler's carefully-documented study is a history of the cultural influences which have led Western society to suppress sexual literature. The author deals in detail with the "sex-is-sin" view of Christianity.


Yaffe, Maurice, and Nelson, Edward C., eds. *The Influence of Pornography on Behavior*. London: Academic Press, 1982. British psychologists Yaffe and Nelson have collected ten essays, each by a professional in fields such as psychiatry, social work, and law, concerning the question of how explicit sexual materials affect human conduct.