

# Smut

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(Introduction, spoken:)

I do have a cause, though, it is obscenity. I'm for it!  
Thank you. Unfortunately, the civil liberties types who are  
fighting this issue have to fight it, owing to the nature  
of the laws, as a matter of freedom of speech and stifling  
of free expression and so on. But we know what's really involved:  
dirty books are fun! That's all there is to it. But you can't  
get up in a court and say that, I suppose. It's simply a matter  
of freedom of pleasure, a right which is not guaranteed by  
the Constitution, unfortunately. Anyway, since people seem  
to be marching for their causes these days, I have here a march  
for mine. It's called: Smut!  
Give me smut and nothing but!  
A dirty novel I can't shut  
If it's uncut  
And unsubt- le  
I've never quibbled  
If it was ribald  
I would devour where others merely nibbled  
As the judge remarked the day that he  
Acquitted my Aunt Hortense  
"To be smut  
It must be ut-  
Terly without redeeming social importance." Por-  
Nographic pictures I adore  
Indecent magazines galore  
I like them more  
If they're hard core (Bring on the obscene movies, murals, postcards, neckties  
Samplers, stained-glass windows, tattoos, anything!  
More, more, I'm still not satisfied!)  
Stories of tortures  
Used by debauchers  
Lurid, licentious, and vile  
Make me smile  
Novels that pander  
To my taste for candor  
Give me a pleasure sublime  
(Let's face it, I love slime.) All books can be indecent books  
Though recent books are bolder  
For filth (I'm glad to say) is in  
The mind of the beholder  
When correctly viewed

Everything is lewd  
(I could tell you things about Peter Pan  
And the Wizard of Oz, there's a dirty old man!) I thrill  
To any book like Fanny Hill  
And I suppose I always will  
If it is swill  
And really fil  
Thy Who needs a hobby like tennis or philately?  
I've got a hobby: rereading Lady Chatterley  
But now they're trying to take it all  
Away from us unless  
We take a stand, and hand in hand  
We fight for freedom of the press  
In other words Smut! (I love it)  
Ah, the adventures of a slut  
Oh, I'm a market they can't glut  
I don't know what  
Compares with smut Hip hip hooray!  
Let's hear it for the Supreme Court!  
Don't let them take it away!

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