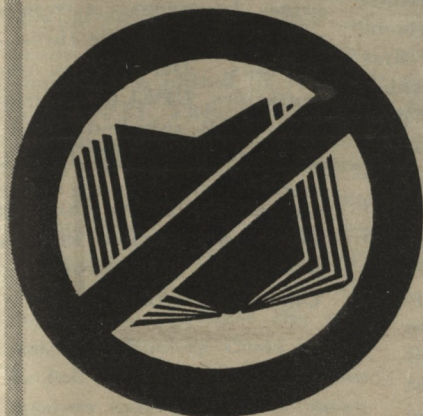


"NAUGHTY BITS ~ THE QUIZ"

Test Your Knowledge of Bill C-54



Bill C-54 is the current federal government's proposed censorship legislation, which is an infringement of the civil rights of the Canadian public. It could send author., librarians, actors, publishers, artists, film-makers, printers, theatre owners, and many of our best-known and loved citizens to the slammer for up to 10 years.

Question: How can you help to stop Bill C-54 from becoming law?

Answer: Write to Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn or Prime Minister Brian Mulroney today. The address is House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, and no postage is required.

Question: Which of the following movies could send film-makers, distributors, and exhibitors to jail for up to 10 years?

- A) *Risky Business*
- B) *Porky's*
- C) *Zeffirelli's Romeo & Juliet*

Answer: Under Bill C-54, all of the above!

Question: Well then, how about these movies?

- A) *Summer of '42*
- B) *The Tin Drum*
- C) *My Life As A Dog*

Answer: Again, all of the above, if Bill C-54 becomes law.

Question: If the Chief Librarian of a Metropolitan Library, and the manager of a children's bookstore find themselves sharing a jail cell, what offense likely put them there?

- A) Chopping the heads off neighbourhood dogs.
- B) Armed Robbery.
- C) Dissemination of the children's anatomy primer *Show Me*.

Answer: C. If Bill C-54 becomes law, many materials will be subject to classification as "pornography", and those who display or distribute books such as *Show Me* could be jailed for up to 10 years.

Question: If a respected Canadian theatre director phoned you in the middle of the night to ask you for bail money, which of the following plays likely put him/her under arrest?

- A) *Equus*
- B) *Spring Awakening*
- C) *Anne of Green Gables*

Answer: A. *Equus* would leave the director open to prosecution, since the play contains a scene where character Alan Strang (who is meant to be 17 years old in the play) has a nude encounter on stage with a 20-year old woman.

B. *Spring Awakening* (which was written in 1891) would also be classified as "pornography" under Bill C-54, since it portrays the sexual awakening of a group of teenagers.

C. *Anne of Green Gables...* is safe from the clutches of Bill C-54. (Unless it is a very unusual staging of the play!)

Question: Which of the following Governor-General's Award-winning authors wrote books which could be subject to prosecution as "pornography"?

- A) Robertson Davies
- B) Alice Munro
- C) Margaret Laurence

Answer: Although most citizens do not believe that these authors are "promoting pornography", others may disagree. Under Bill C-54, writers and publishers could be forced to prove in costly court proceedings that their works have artistic merit. Therefore, the answer to this question is all of the above, for books such as *Fifth Business*, *Lives of Girls and Women*, and *The Diviners*.

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