

Make Pornography Fascinating Enough And Kids Will Read It

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One of the reasons our Protectors From Smut give for imposing their own beliefs and prejudices upon the rest of us is that "pornography" too often falls into the hands of children and corrupts them, turning them into dangerous criminals and raving, lusty rapists when they grow up.

Instead of wasting their time on "Playboy" and "Love Feast," these advocates of censorship ought to be concerned about Donnie Osmond and David Cassidy and all the other lilly-chested, skinny-legged, pre-puberty sex gods their children are idolizing.

For any of you who may not know, Donnie Osmond is a 15-year-old moppet who sings tender love songs about Puppy Luv-uh-uh-uv with a squeaky, little girl voice that sends the 10- and 11-year-old girls into a swoon. And, believe it or not, this Donnie Osmond is an older brother of Bobby Osmond, who is turning on your six-year-old daughters.

David Cassidy, on the other hand is in his mid-20s, but looks like the 17-year-old he plays on the Partridge Family television show. I have heard that his concert stage presentation is

quite alluring—that is if you are a 12-year-old girl awaiting your first menstrual period.

These child sex gods do a lot more for awakening a youngster's interest in sex than do magazines geared to adults. Besides, I don't believe so-called indecent magazines fall into the hands of children as often as the "rag ravagers" would have us believe.

I have visited a lot of newsstands and never have I seen a child drooling over a pornographic magazine. Since the issue of banning pornographic literature has come up in Beckley, I have begun to pay particular attention to what youngsters look at at the magazine racks. Of the three children, I noticed recently, one boy about 12 was reading "Hot Rod" and another about the same age was looking through a sports magazine, and a little girl of about five was looking at some teenybopper mag.

When she walked away from the stand, she left the magazine turned to a picture of a David Cassidy imitator stretched across a bed, the light bouncing off his unbelievably white, bare, hairless chest.

Kids are always going to find some forbidden sex book or magazine to read and giggle

over with their friends behind a locked bedroom door. Usually, that book is their parents' marriage manual. I don't know of any harm the discovery of "the dirty book with pictures," has ever done a youngster. It's just a part of growing up.

However, the more parents forbid reading of sexy books, all the more interested will the child become in such literature. Children simply cannot resist forbidden fruit.

My mother knew this and actually got my younger brother to read a Norman Vincent Peale book by telling him it was the dirtiest book she had ever read and she had better not catch him even looking at it.

Naturally, he sneaked it into his room while she was not looking and soon learned it was not a dirty book, but found it interesting in its own right.

She was only using psychology and it worked.

But actual forbidding and threatening of a child are poor excuses for teaching and guidance. Too many children are "trained" from a purely negative standpoint of what not to do, with little importance ever placed on what to do.

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