

Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by DesertLion - 12 May 2010 21:39

Hey Guys,

I know that it is forbidden to deliberately read erotica. Only a few days ago, I was in a bookshop and I was sorely tempted to read .

On the one hand I thought to myself, 'hey these books aren't actually porn, they just explore the philosophy towards sex, and darker aspects of human nature - how interesting - I must find out more!' Nevertheless, I also thought that these books might be triggering and dangerous, so I decided not to read them.

Would you people consider these books as porn/erotica and therefore strictly off-limits, or am I being a bit prudish?

Thanks for your opinions fellas.

TC and I hope you're trucking well and squelching some YHs beneath your wheels,

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by briut - 12 May 2010 21:47

Wait, wait.

Are you writing on behalf of a member of THIS FORUM, you know, someone who has issues

with lust etc that are making his life terrible?

Or are you asking on behalf of some (goyish) intellectual who loves to see how other cultures approach topics of common interest?

Come one, buddy, anyone with an "issue" (addiction, etc) can't go near this.

You know that.

So, what the heck are you asking?

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 12 May 2010 21:51

The fact that you need to ask the question proves what the answer is. No Chiddush here from the previous two posts. (But keep asking questions: "Ein Habayshan Lomeid")

-Yiddle

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 12 May 2010 22:04

Mrs. Shani Taragin says in a lecture for Kallahs that it is forbidden for men to view such material.

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by DesertLion - 12 May 2010 23:39

Hey Guys,

Thanks for your advice. You are right - but my YH (or perhaps I should take personal responsibility) was trying to make me silence my doubts and ignore common sense.

I'm sorry if I asked a stupid question. However, you've given me Chizuk and left me with no excuse to doubt my conscience any longer. I won't be persuaded that I'm merely 'educating' myself.

Thanks and TC,

DL

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by silentbattle - 14 May 2010 07:01

No apologies necessary - you asked a good question. You had a feeling it was wrong, and instead of allowing yourself to quiet that feeling, you spoke up, and faced it. You looked the issue in the eye, and you grew into a better person.

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by briut - 14 May 2010 11:56

[DesertLion wrote on 12 May 2010 23:39:](#)

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The question wasn't stupid at all. The fact that you already knew the answer deep inside wouldn't change your interest in hearing it out loud. As I arrived here, I asked many questions along the lines of, "Well, mommy, if you say that this will make me go blind, can I at least do it 'til I need glasses?" And it helped that people pushed back. (I still wonder sometimes if they really WERE right. But that's another question.) You're doing great.

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by DesertLion - 16 May 2010 16:43

Hey all,

Thanks for all your advice, support and Chizuk. It's sometimes necessary to have a bucket of cold water thrown in your face and be slapped a couple of times when you're on the brink and wavering, lol.

To Briut:

I've been trying to find you and contact you for some time now, but you've finally come to me, how convenient and coincidental ;D.

I wanted to ask you about your sleep-bating experiences because I'm battling that problem as well. In the past year, I would start masturbating whilst half-asleep in bed and take it to the point of no return.

However, recently I've managed to realise what I've been doing and and stop before I wasted

seed. Are there any other tips you could give me, bc you seem to have advanced further in this struggle than I have.

Thanks to you all guys, I appreciate your sincerity and kindness.

Keep on trucking,

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Re: Curiosity and Erotica

Posted by briut - 16 May 2010 17:16

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Don't mind helping, but let's take this offline. I'm convinced the world doesn't want to hear my ramblings on this. (Or they want to hear them a little bit TOO much....) PM with details and I'll "ponder" a bit. (See the little cartoon quote mark under everybody's name as they post? Should bring up the private message screen.) Thanks.

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