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"I would guess."

"That book is the adult section of the library not the children's section. Do many children look for reading material in the adult section?"   "Other people could read this book?"

"Adults?"

"Yes."

"Do adults have minds?"

"Yes."

"You read that book and you say you were not occupied by it. It won't happen to other adults."

"Yes, it will. Pornography like that book corrupts people."

"Why are you out here?"

"To protect people."

"When were you given such power?"

"This is a Christian country. We must do away with things that do not live up to the Christian ideal. I was born with this right to protect the minds of others if they cannot do it for themselves."

"You asked for a list of all the people who checked out the book."

"Yes."

"Why?"

"To know the type of people we are dealing with."

"They are immoral?"

"Yes. Those people who have read that book have probably read other books or articles in the same vein."

"Do you know who has that book now?"

"Yes."

"Whom?"

"My club members are reading a copy of it."

"They will become immoral?"

"Of course not!"

"The people who read that book before you are immoral and you want to protect them from reading material such as that, but those people reading it after you are not immoral, right?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"I know them."

For most words, there is a preferred usage, and there are also many other, far more common usages.

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