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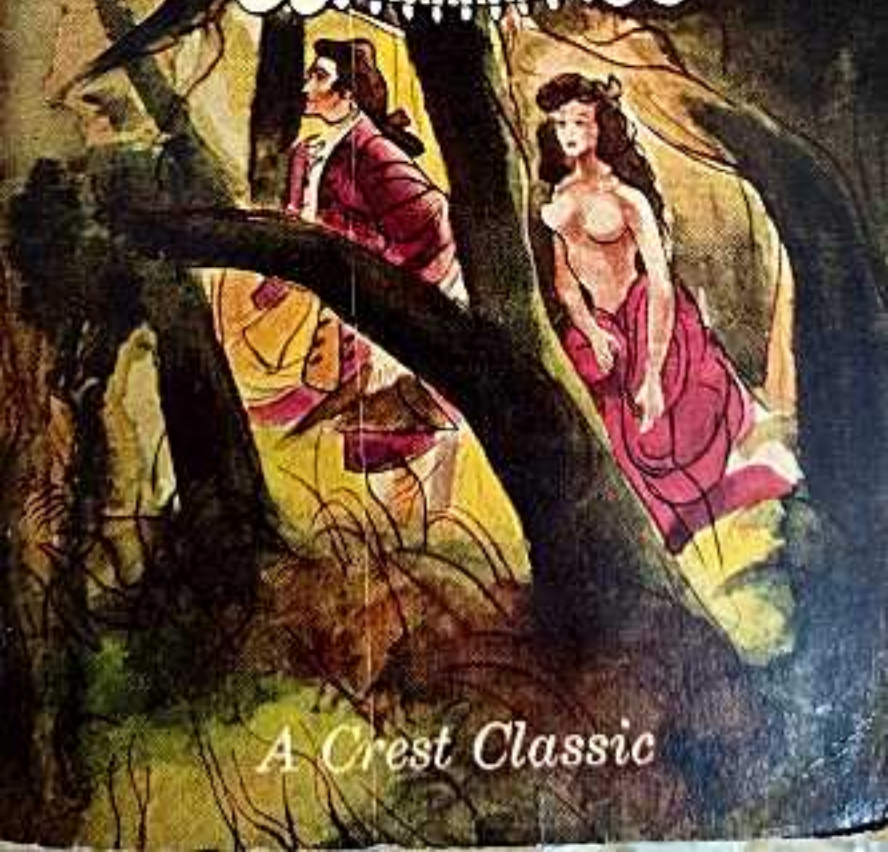
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"Shocking!"

cried the great Dr. Johnson, speaking of Henry Fielding's now famous classic, TOM JONES.

"I scarcely know of a more corrupt work."



That Fielding's novel should produce such violent reaction among his contemporaries only serves to point up the remarkable fascination it must have possessed from the beginning. The amorous antics of a passionate young rogue naturally appealed to men and women long oppressed by the conventions of the 18th century.

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