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"A Freshman" writes: "Is _____ on the Index? The author was recommended in high school for his realism."

Dear A. F.: You needn't ask the Bulletin about your book. Send it to your mother and get her opinion. If she approves, Notre Dame can do nothing for you. And the fact that you ask the question shows that your mother has left something big out of your education. If a freshman cannot recognize filth when he sees it, his mother is to blame.

Speaking of your author and of some others in last Sunday's WGN, Frederick Fenaghey says: "They are, the three of them (and there are others), like a foul-minded little boy with chalk and crayon writing dirt on the fences and the walls, hoping to shock -- with a difference in favor of the boy, who doesn't expect to be paid for it."

The same issue of the Tribune has this McCutcheon cartoon: