

qsa workshop #8: smut, erotica, pornography and more
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objectives:

- to familiarize people with vocabulary and examples of:
 - pornography
 - hard-porn
 - soft-porn
 - smut
 - erotica
 - “vanilla”
 - “leather”
- to discuss some of the arguments for and against porn
- to talk about differences between straight and queer porn

materials needed:

- examples of (but not limited to):
 - straight erotica - words
 - straight porn - pictures
 - gay male erotica - words
 - gay male porn - pictures
 - lesbian erotica - words
 - lesbian porn - pictures (on our backs?)

preparation:

- arrange all of the materials

icebreaker:

- secret enemy & secret bodyguard? 3-legged race? crawl through legs relay?

name game:

- go around, do names and your favorite artificial flavor

ground rules:

- confidentiality: not that you can't talk about what goes on here (on the contrary, please do continue discussions outside of the workshop) but don't go around saying "so-and-so was at the workshop and said such-and-such"
- respect: there are probably a lot of us coming from different places; please respect each other. feel free to disagree with each other but please use "i" statements
- no stupid questions: on a similar note, there are no stupid questions here; you should feel free to ask everything. i realize this can sometimes be a risky position to take, but i think it's important. if you think a question is offensive, you should say so, but that doesn't mean that it was stupid. anyway, we'll see how this one works.
- any others?

activity:

- go over some definitions
- let people look at the stuff for a while, thinking about:
 - how does it make you feel?
 - are there differences between straight and queer porn?
 - what are some of the arguments for and against the porn industry?

follow up/wrap up/conclusion:

- go around, say something that you learned