

The Rainbow is a Scandal



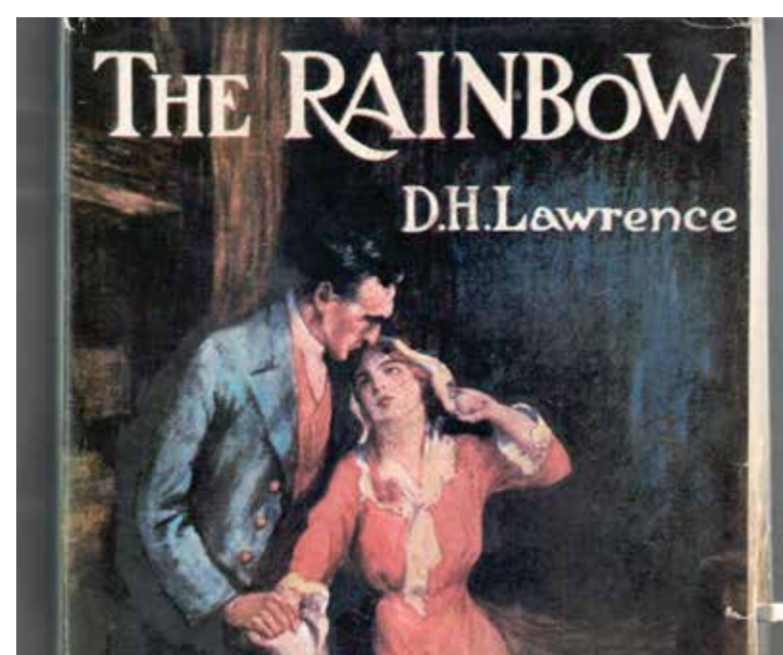
On 30 September 1915 *The Rainbow* was published in England by Methuen & Co. Critics were scandalised and widely condemned the novel. A friend of Lawrence's, Catherine Carswell, who dared to write a positive review, lost her job at the *Glasgow Herald* as a result.



D.H. Lawrence @DHLawrence

2 October 1915

@JBPinker_Agent I have got the copies of [#TheRainbow](#). What a vile cover wrapper @Methuen have given it. 🙄



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James Douglas @TheStar

22 October 1915

When art refuses to conform to the laws that govern human society, it must pay the penalty. The sanitary inspector of literature must call for its isolation.

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Clement Shorter @TheSphere

23 October 1915

Unless @Methuen hold the view that Lesbianism is a fit subject for family fiction I imagine that they will regret this venture [#TheRainbow](#)

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Robert Lynd @DailyNews

October 1915

[#TheRainbow](#) seems to me largely a monotonous wilderness of phallicism.

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John Galsworthy @JGalsworthy_Novelist

October 1915

@JBPinker_Agent I have read [#TheRainbow](#). Frankly I think it's aesthetically detestable. 🙄

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Helena Maria Swanwick @ManchesterGuardian

October 1915

The passion of sex in [#TheRainbow](#) by @DHLawrence is so manifest as to eclipse all other passion or thought. Yet the end is tedium.

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Catherine Carswell @GlasgowHeraldOnline

4 November 1915

@DHLawrence is aiming at something quite different and distinct from mere good fiction and it is this aim which principally claims the serious reader's respect. [#TheRainbow](#) [#AgainstLiteraryCensorship](#)

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D.H. Lawrence @DHLawrence

6 November 1915

Now the magistrates have suppressed the sale of [#TheRainbow](#) and ordered @Methuen to deliver up all copies in existence 🙄

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