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ON THE TABOO AGAINST KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

*The* BOOK

# INSIDE INFORMATION

*J*ust what should a young man or woman know in order to be “in the know”? Is there, in other words, some inside information, some special taboo, some real lowdown on life and existence that most parents and teachers either don’t know or won’t tell?

In Japan it was once customary to give young people about to be married a “pillow book.” This was a small volume of wood-block prints, often colored, showing all the details of sexual intercourse. It wasn’t just that, as the Chinese say, “one picture is worth ten thousand words.” It was also that it spared parents the embarrassment of explaining these intimate matters face-to-face. But today in the West you can get such information