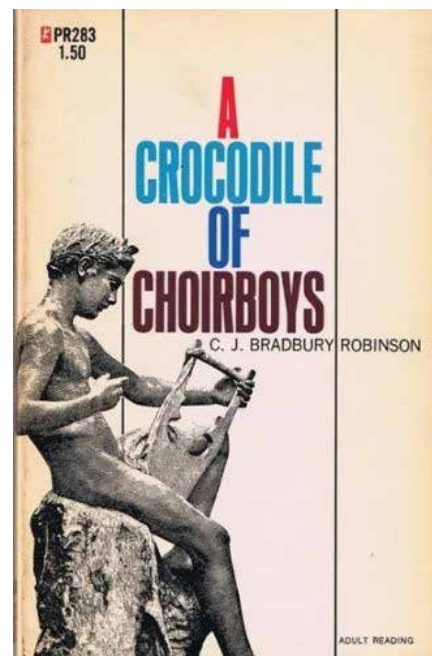




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About forty years ago, whilst working on *The Private Case*, my catalogue of the British Library's erotica collection, I found amongst a pile of dispiritingly dreary American pornographic paperbacks a novel called *A Crocodile of Choirboys* (1970). I found it remarkable for two reasons: despite being on the dangerous subject of boy love, it was, as I soon learned, published under the author's true name, C. J. Bradbury Robinson. And secondly, it was extremely well-written in an almost experimental style that, at the time, made me think of William Burroughs with a cultured English accent. But it was far from being a stylistic plagiarism. Instead it was a quite original work by a writer of rare talent.

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