

Glossary

Our Coffers Were Emptied To Pay For Your Pleasures by Josie Turnbull

(In order of appearance)

Coffer

A large, strong box in which money or valuable objects are kept.

Obsolescence

The process of no longer having a use or no longer being needed.

Fable

A short story that tells a general truth or is only partly based on fact. Often it tells a moral truth and uses animals as characters. *The Tortoise and the Hare* is a well-known fable.

Selective Breeding

The process of choosing only plants or animals with desirable characteristics to reproduce. It is also known as 'artificial selection'. Humans have done this for thousands of years. For example, humans bred food crops from wild plants, as well as selectively breeding animals to make them more domesticated.

Groomers

Generally, the term refers to a person whose job is to clean an animal, usually by brushing its fur or hair. In the text it refers to people whose job it is to make the Arowana fish more attractive to sell by performing cosmetic surgery on the fish.

Anthropomorphised

To give an animal or object human-like qualities, or to treat it as if it is human.

Boudoir

A beautifully decorated room that was used in the past by a woman for sleeping, dressing, relaxing, and entertaining.

Ephemera

Objects that were not produced to last a long time, or were specially produced for one occasion. An example would be toys made for a TV show, or merchandise made for a music tour.

Detritus

Waste material or rubbish, especially when it is left behind after an event.

Cornucopia

A container in the shape of an animal's horn, that is usually full of fruit and flowers and often used as a symbol in art.

Heraldic

This refers to coats of arms and the history of the families, institutions or cities that they belong to. Coat of arms are a special shield or shield-shaped patterns that are the sign of a family, university, or city.

Imperialism

A system in which a country rules other countries, often having used force to get power over them.

Hubris

A way of talking or behaving that is too proud. Used in a negative way.

Protagonist

One of the main characters in a story.

Colonialism

Colonialism is the process where one country takes control and rules over another country or another region.

British Colonial extractive industries

From the late 18th century until 1957, Britain colonised parts of Malaysia. Britain first created settlements in the late 18th century and then increased its presence over time until it eventually controlled the Malay Peninsula and island of Singapore in the late 20th century, which was referred to as 'British Malaya'. The term 'extractive industries' in this context refers to the way Britain took control of Malaysia's industrial production of tin and rubber and

then exported it back to Britain and other countries under British Colonial rule at that time.

Melodic

A sound that is very pleasant to listen to, often referring to the tune in a piece of music.

Matrix

The set of conditions that provides a system for something to grow or develop.

Conspicuous consumption

When people spend a lot of money on purpose so that other people notice and admire them for their wealth.