


Siegel, Eli, Ellen Reiss, Nancy Huntting, and Sarah Smith. “Contempt Causes Insanity: What Walt Whitman Did Not Do.” *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*, 641 (17 July 1985), [1]-[2]. [Whitman, they say, was no homosexual.]


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