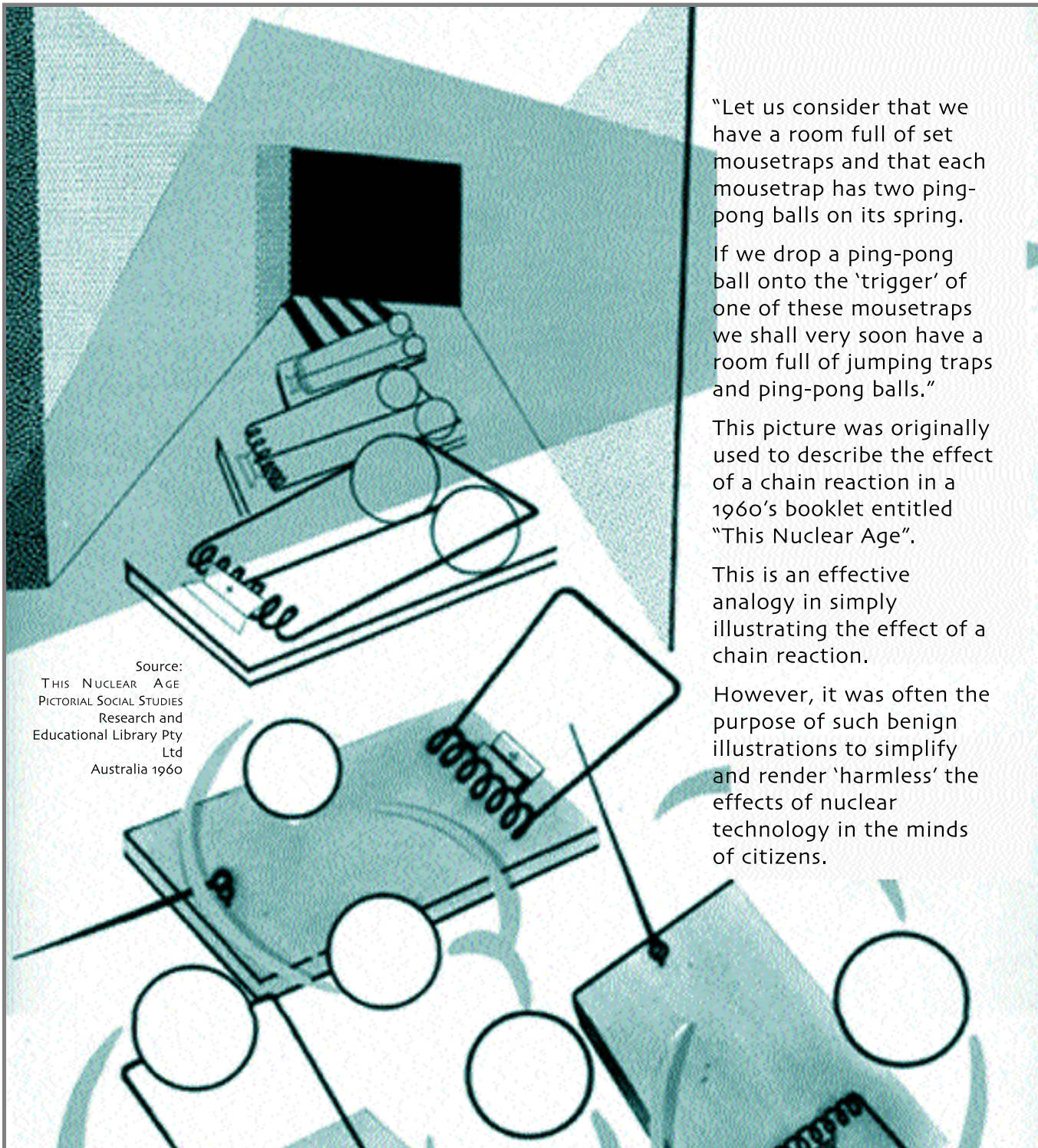


# nuclear education in the past



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“Let us consider that we have a room full of set mousetraps and that each mousetrap has two ping-pong balls on its spring.

If we drop a ping-pong ball onto the ‘trigger’ of one of these mousetraps we shall very soon have a room full of jumping traps and ping-pong balls.”

This picture was originally used to describe the effect of a chain reaction in a 1960’s booklet entitled “This Nuclear Age”.

This is an effective analogy in simply illustrating the effect of a chain reaction.

However, it was often the purpose of such benign illustrations to simplify and render ‘harmless’ the effects of nuclear technology in the minds of citizens.

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