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Request for School Board Reconsideration of Library Media Materials

Author:

Title: **Traffick**

Publisher (if known):

Request initiated by:

Telephone: Address:

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1. **To what in the book/material do you object: (Please be specific; cite pages, frames of films, dialogues, etc.)?**

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*"Because when I ask, "You mean your mother knew you were turning tricks?" she has no compunction about sharing her entire story with me. Oh, yeah. **My mom's the one who put me on the track. Well, she did it for Daddy.** See, she was one of his "wifeys," too. And know what? Daddy was maybe my real daddy, ain't that a hoot?"*

*"**Mom was fourteen when she started tricking, and he was her man, so she didn't use no protection with him. She was fifteen when she had me.**" Wait. Your mom wanted you to prostitute? How old were you?" My mother insisted I had to get married before I even allowed a boy to kiss me, let alone... We needed the money for rent and stuff. **I was thirteen, but no big deal. One of Daddy's friends broke me in when I was nine. As Daddy says, tight pussy costs a pretty penny.** Daddy makes his girls give him five hundred every day. Mom was short too many times. He got mad, beat her down. I got home right as he put the gun to her head. The Sex Trade Is a violent business. Pimps competing. Pimps keeping their girls in line."*

"Look, dude. I'm lying here with a tube hanging out of my dick, leaking piss into a bag. That dick, by the way, is totally useless for anything worth getting excited about. Yeah, yeah, Dr. Harrison told me ninety percent of men with incomplete injuries, T12 and lower, get it up, and some higher than that, too. But

that's not the real problem, is? Not like I want to go above and beyond, just to whack off. How many girls go looking for cripples?"

"With zero regard for my mom's presence, Ronnie leans into me, covers my mouth with hers. Her lips are sticky with cherry-flavored gloss. The kiss is a slow ride to heaven, and transports me back to the post-funeral afternoon we spent in bed, sponging comfort from the heat of our intertwined bodies. If Mom wasn't watching, I'd try to assess the boner I must be wearing. Muscles have memories, right? Hey. What happens to a catheter when your dick gets hard?"

"The first thing I'm going to do is fuck you dirty. I actually hate clean. He pushes me facedown on the bed, ignoring my weak plea to leave me alone. Just as he starts to rip at my clothes, there's pounding on the door.

"Bryn was arrested, charged with rape and kidnapping with the intent of trafficking a child under the age of seventeen. With all the crazy commotion, I managed to sneak the heroin out of my purse and toss it under a car in the parking lot without being spotted. "

"I'm scared I can't escape the legacy of turning tricks, that too much filth and too little affection will forever define my relationships."

"I first became interested in the subject of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) when I came across the statistic that the average age of young women introduced into prostitution is twelve."

2. Where did you first learn of this item?

On the Florida State list of books removed from Florida County School Districts.

3. Have you read the book in its entirety? *NO – Florida Statutes explains why these should be removed.*

Per Florida Statute:

847.0123 (b)

Any book, pamphlet, magazine, printed matter however reproduced, or sound recording that contains any matter defined in s. 847.001, explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual excitement, or sexual conduct and that is harmful to minors.

847.001 (6)

"Harmful to minors" means any reproduction, imitation, characterization, description, exhibition, presentation, or representation, of whatever kind or form, depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement when it:

(a) Predominantly appeals to a prurient, shameful, or morbid interest;

(b) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors; and

(c) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

1006.34

4. Any instructional material containing pornography or otherwise prohibited by s. **847.012** may not be used or made available within any public school.

In HB 1069 line item 313 it states:

Parents shall have the right to read passages from any material that is subject to an objection. If the school board denies a parent the right to read passages due to content that meets the requirements the school district shall discontinue the use of the material.

The informational passages posted here from inside the book address these three points that they are NOT:

- *Free of Pornography and material prohibited under s. 847.012, F.S.*
- *Suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material presented.*
- *Appropriate for the grade level and age group for which the materials are used and made available.*

4. Is there any additional information you would like us to consider in our evaluation?

"What do you want, and what can you give in exchange for it? I shrug. "Powder or pills, doesn't really matter. What I've got is a talent for great sex." Still, she makes me wait. How old are you, anyway? And are you really sure you want to fuck up your rehab? "I'm sixteen, Age of Consent in California, so whoever is safe that way."

Sex, Trafficking, Drugs, Rehab, Incest, Transitioning....Just about covers all the bases! Explicit descriptions and details about trafficking, drug taking, parents selling their CHILD for a profit, what is the educational lesson to be learned here?

"Tomorrow is Christmas And that is the best gift I can imagine- the knowledge that I might actually be able to give Ronnie pleasure, and not just with my hands and mouth, but the way an intact man does, and maybe even come myself."

Christmas interjected into erotica...NICE!!

Florida Statute 1003.46 in health education states:

- (b) Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage.
- (c) Emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is a certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and other associated health problems.
- (d) Teach that each student has the power to control personal behavior and encourage students to base actions on reasoning, self-esteem, and respect for others.

5. What would you like the final outcome to be for this library media item or items?

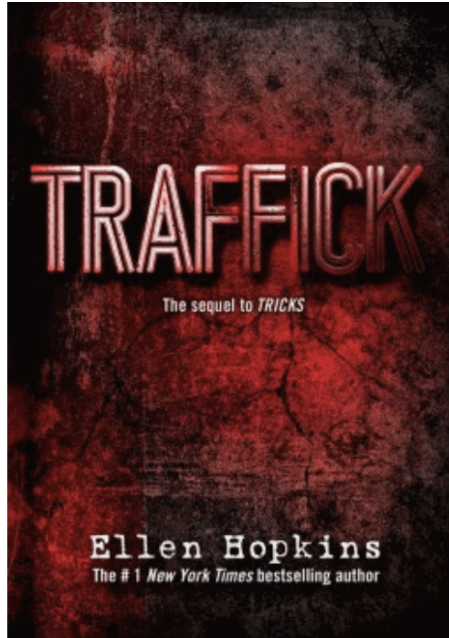
1. Remove from all Manatee School District Media Centers?

Remove from: Lakewood Ranch, Manatee High, Parrish High

2. Remove from certain grade levels? If yes, enter grade levels: **No Copies**

3. Allow in Manatee School District Media Centers with a Parent Consent Requirement? **No Copies**

TRAFFICK



Young Adult

By Ellen Hopkins

ISBN: 978-1-4424-8287-6

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Minor Restricted
BookLooks Review Rating

Example page below – Click this [Link](#) to see the remaining pages of information inside book.

Page	Content
7	<p>I dated Ronnie. It wasn't a date, it was a three-way meet. Oh shit, no. Misty... ...Misty is dead. Before that, what? Misty in bed with some squeaky guy with a teeny dick telling me to hurry. Time is money. Time. Tick. Bam.</p>
18	<p>For a time, Alex and I were a fantasy duet, working for Have Ur Cake Escort Service, despite being a couple of years underage. "Eighteen" isn't necessary to participate in a business that props up the underbelly of Vegas. It was not what I had in mind when I ran away, but then again, I had no plan, and sometimes it comes down to survival. We survived, stripping for pay in hotel rooms, mostly working bachelor parties, two for the price of one. I insisted on that, refused to do more than take off my clothes and dance. But Alex couldn't care less about spreading her legs and accepting foreign objects, as long as dudes were willing to pay the going rate. Then she got greedy, started working the streets so she wouldn't have to kick back Lydia's commission. I found her out there soliciting some guy wearing ugly purple Bermuda shorts. That pissed me off, but in hindsight, looking for revenge by offering to let him buy all he could eat, double-decker, wasn't the smartest move.</p>
20	<p>No one tied us up at the end of the day (although a few of our customers offered). And we weren't trafficked, as far as I knew then. ...Now, thanks to my recent interaction with law enforcement, the courts, and social workers, I understand that three things define trafficking: coercing someone to turn tricks, transporting them for that purpose, or in any way threatening or encouraging an underage person to sell their body. Oh, and how good 'ol Iris collected money for allowing men to force themselves on me? Uh, yeah. That, too. Then, there's Have Ur Cake. Since Alex and I haven't reached the age of eighteen- that magic birthday that supposedly makes you an adult- Lydia was definitely guilty of pandering minors for sex. She arranged our "dates," and collected a hefty fee for her trouble, so technically she was our pimp, though we asked for the work.</p>
22	<p>I GUESS I WAS LUCKY I don't really know what all Alex faced when she did outcalls solo. She refused to talk to me about it. I only did a few gigs alone, and I never exactly felt threatened. Together, there were a few times when I thought a client might hurt us, and on guy forced Alex to jerk him off. ...She had a way of doing that, although she never could talk me into stuffing condoms into my bag and earning a hell of a lot more money. I'm a dancer. A stripper. But I'll never be a whore.</p>
23	<p>Now My Stripping Days Are over, at least that's what Judge Kerry said. ...The law says I can only be released to a "custodial adult." Hey, at least I have one of those, unlike Alex, who ended up in a different group home- one that accepts pregnant teens. Pregnant. If she got that way, it means she wasn't using protection, and God forbid she picked up anything else besides sperm. The father?</p>

