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Request for School Board Reconsideration of Library Media Materials

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1. To what in the book/material do you object: (Please be specific; cite pages, frames of films, dialogues, etc.)? Pg. 16 Mar. 15. Justin Proud smiled at me today. I can't believe it! And I can't believe how it made me feel. Kind of tingly all over, like I had an itch I didn't want to scratch. An itch you-know where. Mar. 17. I dreamed about Justin last night. Dreamed he kissed me, and I kissed him back, and I let him touch me all over my body and I woke up all hot and blushing. Blushing! Like I'd done something wrong.

Pg. 121 Went to a party at Brent's last night. Okay, more like a drink-smoke-and-make-out fest. But, hey, I was with Derek, and for the first time in my life, people looked at me with respect. Maybe even envy. Went to a party at Brent's last night. Okay, more like a drink-smoke-and-make-out fest. But, hey, I was with Derek, and for the first time in my life, people looked at me with respect. Maybe even envy. The Ward dance started at seven. Derek picked me up at eight. By nine, he had convinced me to try a sip of his beer. "Jesus turned water into wine, didn't He?" ...I'm probably already damned, for dating a nonbeliever. What could a sip or three or four—of beer hurt? Odd taste, not great, but drink enough, who cares? Loose. I let loose. Not all the way loose, but I laughed at not-real-funny jokes and let Derek pull me up into his lap. And when he kissed me, I full-on kissed back. I even let his hands wander. At first I said no, of course. I really thought I wasn't at all that kind of girl. Guess what. I am! He was good, too. First he rubbed my back. Then he lifted my hair and kissed my neck, and I've never had goose bumps like that before. Then he slid his hands around the front of me, lifting my breasts and touching my nipples. I wouldn't let him go under my blouse, but even over my clothes, the way he made my body feel is hard to describe. Alive. On

edge. In need. In danger of spontaneous combustion. Virtue was the last thing on my mind

Pg. 131 One Problem with Alcohol Is the more you drink it the more you want it. If a little lets you forget a bit of your pain, more lets you crawl into a fuzzy space where nothing hurts at all. Amen.

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:

4. *Free of Pornography and material prohibited under s. 847.012, F.S.*
5. *Suited to student needs and their ability to comprehend the material presented.*
6. *Appropriate for the grade level and age group for which the materials are used and made available.*
- 7.
8. Is there any additional information you would like us to consider in our evaluation? What purpose does this book have in the libraries of Manatee County Schools? This book contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; drug and alcohol use and abuse; profanity and derogatory terms; suicidal ideation; and violence including child abuse. None of these things provide any educational benefit to any student in the Manatee County School District!

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

Braden River High – (2) Lakewood Ranch High – Horizons – Manatee High – Bayshore High

A. Remove from all Manatee School District Media Centers? Remove from certain grade levels? If yes, enter grade levels: NO copies

B. Allow in Manatee School District Media Centers with a Parent Consent Requirement? NO copies