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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. 58 "You feel so good," he whispered against my lips. ..."So do you," I whispered back. Pressing myself against him I deepened the kiss. And then on impulse (ho-ish impulse at that) I took his hand from the small of my back and moved it up so that it was cupping the side of my breast. He moaned again and his kiss got harder and hotter. He slid his hand down and under my sweater, and then back up so that he had my breast in his hand, bare except for my lacy black bra. ...Okay, I'll admit it. I liked him touching my boob. It felt good. It especially felt good that I was proving to Erik that I hadn't rejected him. I moved so that he could get a better feel and somehow that little, innocent (well, semi-innocent) movement caused our mouths to slip and my front tooth nicked his bottom lip.

Pg. 78 .He claimed my mouth and at the same time it felt like he claimed my body and soul. Okay, Erik was a good kisser. And I've been kissing Heath since I was in third grade and he was in forth, so Heath's kisses were familiar and good. Loren was a man. When he kissed me there was none of the awkward hesitation I was used to. His lips and tongue said he knew exactly what he wanted and he also knew how to get it. And a weird, magical thing happened to me. I wasn't just some kid anymore when I kissed him back. I was a woman, mature and powerful, and I knew what I wanted and how to get it, too. When the kiss ended both of us were breathing hard. Loren still held my face in his hands, but he's moved away just far enough so that we could look into each other's eyes again. ..."I shouldn't have done that," he said. ..." I know." I said, but that didn't stop me from staring boldly at him. I was still clutching the stupid healing rituals and spells book with one hand, but my other hand was resting on his chest. Slowly I

spread my fingers so that they slid within the open neck of his button-up shirt to touch his naked skin. He shivered and I felt that shiver somewhere deep inside me. ... "This is going to be complicate," he said. ... "I know," I repeated. ... "But I don't want to stop." ... "Neither do I," I said. ... "No one can know about us. At least not yet." ... "Okay," I nodded, not sure what there was to know about, but understanding that the thought of his asking me to sneak around with him made a weird knot form in the pit of my stomach.

Pg. 241 1 He kisses got longer, hotter. ... I wanted to tell him, but my head was spinning and it was hard for me to think, let alone talk. ... "I'll show you how much we can share...how completely we can be together," he said. .... Loren took the hand he was fisting in my hair and pulled at his shirt so that the buttons popped, exposing his chest. Then he drew his thumbnail slowly over his left breasts, leaving behind a line of perfect scarlet. The scent of his blood wrapped around me. ... "Drink," he said. I couldn't stop myself. I lowered my face to his chest and tasted him. His blood surged through me. It was different than Heath's-not as hot, not as rich. But it was more powerful. It pounded through me, along with a desire that was red and urgent. I moved against his body, wanting more and more." "" Now it's my turn, I have to taste you!" Loren said. ... Before I realized what he was doing he'd wrenched off my dress. I didn't have a chance to freak about the fact that he was seeing me in nothing but my bra and panties because he took his thumb and this time sliced it across my breasts. I gasped at the sharp pain, and then his lips were on me and he was drinking my blood and the pain was replaced by waves of amazing pleasure so intense that all I could do was moan. Loren tore at his clothes while he drank me, and I helped him. All I knew was that I had to have him. Everything was all heat and sensation and desire. His hands and mouth were everywhere and still I couldn't get enough of him.

Pg. 262 She's easy to lead around. A shiny present here, a pretty compliment there, and you have true love and a popped cherry sacrificed to the god of deception and hormones." Loren laughed again. "Young girls are so ridiculous-so predictably easy.

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? Is there any educational value to this book, whether literary or anything else? This book not only gets into demonic rituals such as the drinking of blood but the loss of virginity that has absolutely no place in the hands of any adolescent! Children are influenced enough in this world but the darkness represented in this book is horrific!
9. What would you like the final outcome to be for this library media item or items?
- A. Remove from all Manatee School District Media Centers? Palmetto High (3)  
Lakewood Ranch High Southeast High
  - B. Remove from certain grade levels? If yes, enter grade levels: NO copies
  - C. Allow in Manatee School District Media Centers with a Parent Consent Requirement? NO copies
    - a. Other:

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