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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.)? 7 It started with a court-ordered summer visit to Kristina's druggie dad. ...Mom says he wandered in late to my baptism, dragging Kristina along, both of them wearing the stench of monster sweat. ...They'd been up all night, catching a monstrous buzz. It wasn't the first time they'd partied together. That was in Albuquerque, where dear old Gramps lives, and where Kristina met the guy who popped her just-say-no-to-drugs cherry. 11 yes, and then there's her body. I'm not sure what perfect measurements are, but Nikki's got them, all wrapped up in skin like wheat-colored suede. Delicious, from lips to ankles, and she's mine. Mine to touch, mine to hold. Mine to kiss all over her flawless deliciousness. Plus, she's got her own place, a sweet little house near campus, where I can do all that kissing- not to mention what comes after the kissing-in private. I'm done with classes for the day and on my way to Nikki's, with a little extra fun tucked inside my pocket. Yeah, I know getting high isn't so smart. Ask me if I care. 12 A little weed, a little coke. Never tried meth. Don't

think I out to take a chance on that monster. Catching a buzz is one thing. 14 Who was her man of the month? I've been told she slept with more than a few, but which was the one whose lucky sperm connected with the proper egg? 15 In Mom's book the story goes Kristina was date-raped by some low-life druggie lifeguard dealer. ...Who wants to believe they were conceived of a rape, even if the rape might have been somehow solicited? 16 I'm smart (Except when loaded. Then I can be kind of stupid. At least till the buzz wears off.) 20 She only smokes weed on special occasions. 22 It was an awful mistake, and it only happened once, post-football-game beer binge. God, that girl—a Vegas Rebels fan, and so a rival meant to be jeered at, not laid—was a real piece of work. Anorexic as hell, but high-horsepower motor, revved to the max... 25 The sheets on her bed are black satin. Slick beneath desire-dampened skin. Her hair is like a sunburst against the onyx-colored pillowcase. Its perfume spices the air with ginger and some exotic bloom. The scent fuels my hunger for her body. I want to own it, merge with it, become part of her. Hurry, she urges. But the tease is almost the best part of the game, so I bring her close and closer with my hands and mouth and finally I am inside her. I can't get enough, so we go and go until the only thing left is to finish. And still I want more. Problem 4: Problem 38 He moves toward me, trembling slightly. I should've beat that boy more. The monster is what they called their crystal. 47 So along comes the monster. Then what? Sex, obviously, or I wouldn't be here. Good sex? Bad sex? Group sex? All of the above? I mean, why did any of that have to change because they decided to get high together? I don't understand. Did they go gay in lockup? Decide they liked same-sex sex better than sex with each other? 49 I'm fifteen now and though Zoe is no longer Dad's lay of the day, I'll never forget her or how he closed his eyes to the ugly things she did to me regularly. He never said a word about the swollen red places. Never told her to stop. He had to know, and if he didn't, she must have been one magical piece of ass. 55 Maybe that's why I have also felt the gnawing desire to try crystal, despite knowing what it did to Barely There Dad to Rarely There Mom. 57 "Not since the day a wind sprint almost sent me to the hospital because my asthma (which can no doubt be attributed to your tweaking during the first trimester you were pregnant with me, and smoking the entire nine months) kicked in so hard I could barely suck enough air to keep my face from turning blue." 66 Maybe what I need to do is make us a threesome. If I belonged to some weird religious sect, that's what I'd do. Except don't all those weird religious sects expect two girls to a guy, instead of the obviously better way to go? What is wrong with women, anyway? Two dudes. One you. Yeah, baby. That's what I'm talking about. It's stupid as hell to think that way, but WTF? It's my effing daydream, isn't it? ...I pace the sidewalk, waiting, a sudden realization hits. Two guys. One girl. Can't do that. If I did, I would be my mother. 76 Especially with those DDs encased in a gray angora sweater, and her equally impressive ass advertised by a short, tight navy skirt. Wolf Pack colors are silver and blue. She's a one-of-a-kind fan,... 77 Most of them were already drinking beer. 78 My turn to flirt. "Sweetheart, I am so much better than good." Then I remember, "Hey are you interested in a hot dog?" The girls dissolve into laughter, and I realized how that sounded. I flush, hot despite the nip in the air. "Uh, I meant a Polish sausage." That makes Red laugh even harder. Is Haskins a Polish Name? The brunette's eyes are watering. And just how big is that sausage? Wow. Obnoxious. So why does

the thought of a threesome cross my perverted mind? “I’ve never had a complaint, if that’s what you mean.” 92 Job Title: Drug manufacturer and trafficker. Job Description: Make easy money cooking meth and moving it, Point A to Point B. (Caveat: Ingredients are volatile.) Job Title: Boy toy. Job Description: Low pay, but all the sex you can ask for. Just lay back and spread your legs. (Caveat: Unprotected sex equals babies.) 102 ...despite the fact that lately he's been downing bourbon instead of beer, along with bigger and bigger doses of meds

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? To explicitly detail the loss of virginity along with the use of drugs, AND obvious inappropriate familial physical relationships at a tender young age is beyond inappropriate! What are kids going to learn from this? To experiment with drugs, sex, and incest? This is beyond repulsive to make available for kids, especially those who have not been the product of normal parenting but a life of abuse on so many levels!
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? Remove from Braden River, Lakewood High, and Palmetto 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
  - d. Other:

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