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Request for School Board Reconsideration of Library Media Materials

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Title: Fight Club (3)

Address:

City: Zip:

1. To what in the book/material do you object: (Please be specific; cite pages, frames of films, dialogues, etc.)? Pg. 19 The little skeleton of a woman named Chloe with the seat of her pants hanging down sad and empty, Chloe tells me the worst thing about her brain parasites was no one would have sex with her. Here she was, so close to death that her life insurance policy had paid off with seventy-five thousand bucks, and all Chloe wanted was to get laid for the last time. Not intimacy, sex. ...Pornographic movies, she had pornographic movies at home in her apartment. During the French Revolution, Chloe told me, the women in prison, the duchesses, baronesses, marquises, whatever, they would screw any man who'd climb on top. Chloe breathed against my neck. Climb on top. Pony up, did I know. Screwing passed the time. ...Chloe had pornographic movies, if I was interested. Amyl nitrate. Lubricants. Normal times, I'd be sporting an erection.

Pg. 29 ...You're a projectionist and you're tired and angry, but mostly you're bored so you start by taking a single frame of pornography collected by some other projectionist that you find stashed away in the booth, and you splice this frame of a lunging red penis or a yawning wet vagina close-up into another feature movie. This is one of those pet adventures, when the dog and cat are left behind by a traveling family and must find their way home. In reel three, just after the dog and cat, who have human voices and talk to each other, have eaten out of a garbage can, there's the flash of an erection. ...A single frame in a movie is on the screen for one-sixtieth of a second. Divide a second into sixty equal parts. That's how long the erection is.

Pg. 42 A dildo. Never your dildo. Never, ever say the dildo accidentally turned itself on. A dildo activated itself and created an emergency situation that required evacuating your baggage.

Pg.59 This wasn't a for-real suicide, Marla said, this was probably just one of those cry-for-help things, but she had taken too many Xanax. ...And dreamed I was humping, humping, humping Marla Singer. ...After Tyler and Marla had sex about ten times, Tyler says, Marla said she wanted to get pregnant. Marla said she wanted to have Tyler's abortion.

Pg. 106 To warm her up, to make her laugh, I tell Marla about the woman in Dear Abby who married a handsome successful mortician and on their wedding night, he made her soak in a tub of ice water until her skin was freezing to the touch, and then he made her lie in bed completely still while he had intercourse with her cold inert body. The funny thing is this woman had done this as a newlywed, and gone on to do it for the next ten years of marriage and now she was writing to Dear Abby to ask if Abby thought it meant something.

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? Not Only does this book provide no educational or literary value, but it is also poorly written stages about a dying girl that wants nothing more than a sexual experience one last time. It is rife with pornography, aberrant sexual activities, violence, abortion, suicide, and the abuse of alcohol. None of these things should be what young minds study to accomplish positive goals in their lives and should be quickly removed from the libraries.

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 (2)

 - 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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