

## **Public Comments on sexually explicit books being provided by schools to underaged children 3-18-24**

- Children deserve to be free to learn, experience and explore. They also deserve our absolute protection to ensure that they do so in environments that are satisfactory to the parents. How dare the media, celebrities, politicians and most of all, the schools...who are charged with protecting and nurturing our children, expose them...often in direct conflict with the clearly stated wishes of the parents...to material that is inappropriate or offensive to the children or the parents. We pay the taxes. We create, bear and raise the children. Yet the schools now get to decide that they and not the parents should have the ultimate say in what our children are exposed to. No. No. Enough of this indoctrination and abuse of our kids.
- If a child went to a neighbor's house and was exposed to some of this, we'd call the police, but because administrators and teachers say it's ok, the parents are shut down? No.
- Nobody is trying to deprive those parents of their right to give those books to their children. Those books need not be made available, however, to every child who is learning to read or attending school, nor to the children of parents who object to exposing their children to such explicit books at tender ages. It is only the parents who object who are being steamrolled by schools and libraries—the other parents are free to provide their children with as much explicit content as they'd like. The problem is that they also want to subject OTHER PEOPLE'S children to sexually explicit and pornographic materials ALSO! That is neither fair nor right.
- In what world is it ok to read these types of books to children without parental consent?
- We are setting our kids up to be sexually molested and exploited. STOP!!
- If it's "disturbing" and "NSFW" when read aloud in a room filled with only adults, it's not appropriate for children.
- Not suitable for work but totally fine for children's library/school? Uhhh...
- Graphic sexual content in children's libraries serves what purpose? To normalize sexualizing preteens "under the guise" of "literary freedom"?

- You can put this sort of book in a bookstore that will carry it and parents can decide if it is proper reading material for their child or not. It has no place in a public school library.
- The question is not whether these books should be published, or available to adults. The question is "Should they be available to children?" K-12 school children are generally under the age of 18 and not emotionally or mentally prepared to deal with the issues, so the books should not be in school libraries. Colleges, OK. Public libraries, fine, if there are restrictions in place to keep them from minors.
- Stop the censorship crap. This is porn and should not be allowed for children to read. Take these books out of public and school libraries. Only sell them in retail establishments. So it's not censorship if the books are still available.
- Schools, libraries and the staff and administrations running them have become increasingly unworthy of parents' trust.
- There is no rape in *To Kill a Mockingbird* but a false accusation of rape and absolutely nothing sexually explicit in the book
- If a book cannot be read aloud at your family Thanksgiving table, it shouldn't be read by children.
- But we can't have bible reading in class, no no no.
- If Mr Raincoat is caught reading this to a 10 year old child all he has to tell the Judge is that he identifies as a teacher therefore it is ok.