



Scripts

RESPONDING TO BOOK CHALLENGES

Read the script as if you are someone who wants this book to be banned. Add or edit it as you see fit. Once finished work to craft a response to this objection. Use the data and information you have learned or outside resources to craft your argument for why the book should stay on the shelves.

Book: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

"The Hate U Give is inappropriate for the young adult shelves at the public library. The book has a lot of explicit language, and it has a very clear anti-police sentiment. It is also racist against white people because it depicts them as hateful against Black people. The message it sends will hurt a lot of feelings."

Book: *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson

"All Boys Aren't Blue is completely inappropriate for teens in the library. It is full of sexually explicit passages, and the language throughout is not what anyone, let alone minors, should be hearing. The main character is way too worried about sex and with gender. No one should be having sex or thinking about sex this when they're young and the parts about gender are part of the movement to indoctrinate and confuse young people about the difference between boys and girls. "

Book: *Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being Human*
by Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan

"This book is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18 to pick up. It is filled with pornographic images of young people having sex, and it has all kinds of explicit photos of naked bodies. There's even a whole section about how to find pornography on the internet. It blames white people for teens who have body image, and it advertises the idea that there are more than two genders. It's absolute filth and does not belong in any library. It shouldn't have been published at all. "



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Book: *Sold* by Patricia McCormick

"This book should not be in the library because it is a story of a girl sold into the sex slave trade and it is full of aberrant sexual content, including rape and prostitution. There is so much violence in this story that it is sickening that someone would write, let alone publish, such a book. Here are two passages you need to know are in this book. From page 107:

"This Shahanna leans close and whispers to me, "It will go easier on you if you hold still."

There is a slicing sound, and a clump of my hair falls to the floor. I cry out and try to break free, but Shahanna has hold of me. Mumtaz draws back, the jaw of the scissors poised at my neck.

"Hold still," she says, her teeth clenched. "Or I'll slice your throat."

From page 132:

"One afternoon, Mumtaz comes to the door and tells me to gather up my things.

"Now that you are no longer a virgin," she says, "I cannot fetch a good price for you."

That doesn't even begin to get into how depressing this book is! What teenager would want to read a story that is so upsetting? "

Book: *Heart of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez

"She was there when Henry came into the bathroom and closed the door behind him. She watched as he placed both hands on the wall beneath the mirror and pressed his forehead against the glass. A moment later, one of his hands slid down into his pajamas. It was like some small creature was trying to escape from his throat. His hand moved fast. His body jiggled. He kept his forehead against the mirror and his eyes closed. Then he grunted once and seemed to shudder all over."

That is a passage from page 67 of this book, which has dozens of such scenes throughout it. This book is derogatory and it is extremely racist toward white people, with tons of inappropriate racial commentary. Not only is there all kinds of unnecessary sex in this book, there are several scenes of assault and brutal violence. It's disgusting and no one under the age of 18 should have access to this. I cannot believe it was published. Do you know how many times the N word is used? No less than 12 times!



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