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Are you concerned about your children reading these books?

- Are You My Mother: A Comic Drama by Alison Bechdel contains explicit sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; alternate sexualities; and controversial political and social commentary.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/A/Are%20you%20my%20Mother%20>
- **Push** by Sapphire. According to BookLooks.org, "This book has explicit sexual activities including incest and molestation; sexual nudity; excessive/frequent profanity and derogatory terms; controversial racial commentary; drug use; and violence including self-harm." Nampa, Boise, Meridian, Kuna, and Mountain Home public libraries as well as Kuna and Caldwell High Schools <https://tinyurl.com/yz2tak2c>
- **Crank** by Ellen Hopkins. BookLooks.org is concerned that, "This book contains explicit sexual activities; sexual battery; profanity; and drug abuse. Twin Falls High School, Coeur D'Alene High School, Boise High School, Kuna High School, Wallace Jr High and Sr High School, Caldwell High School, many public libraries, and Post Falls public library <https://tinyurl.com/4wnyjx7k>
- **Fade** by Lisa McMann contains sexual nudity and sexual activities including rape, profanity, and illegal drug use; including teachers using date rape drugs on students. Boise High School and Caldwell High School <https://tinyurl.com/5n8xpnuF>
- **The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini contains explicit sexual activities including sexual assault and battery; prostitution involving minors and adults; explicit violence; and mild profanity. Boise High School, Caldwell High School, East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/yc8mjxc3>
- **Sold** by Patricia McCormick has explicit aberrant sexual activities including rape of a minor, prostitution, and explicit violence. (Pages 102, 106-129, 132-147, 180-191, 216, 227, 228, 254-258). Centennial High School, Capital High School, Twin Falls High School, Boise High School, and Caldwell High School <https://tinyurl.com/2jxuxsyj>
- **Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson contains sexual activities including inexplicit sexual assault and battery; and profanity. Centennial High School, Boise High School, Caldwell High School, and Boise Public Library <https://tinyurl.com/3bta7v7e>
- **Looking for Alaska** by John Green contains sexual nudity and sexual activities; moderate profanity use; alcohol use; and gender ideologies. (Pages 38, 44, 45, 81, 92, 103-108, 130, 137, 139, 145, 146, 151, 158, 167, 188, 210, 335). Centennial High School, Capital High School, Twin Falls High School, Caldwell High School <https://tinyurl.com/mpvjjn2j>
- **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison contains profanity and derogatory terms; sexual activities including sexual assault and molestation; alcohol use; inflammatory racial a 

dildos as well as some profanity. Centennial High School and Twin Falls High School
<https://tinyurl.com/4jyc76dz>

- **Traffick** by Ellen Hopkins contains sexual activities including child prostitution and molestation; sexual nudity; profanity; alcohol and drug use by minors; alternate gender ideologies; and alternate sexualities. Capital High School <https://tinyurl.com/46fjd9hk>
- **Identical** by Ellen Hopkins contains explicit sexual activities including sexual assault and child molestation; violence including self-harm and suicidal ideations; profanity and derogatory terms; and drug and alcohol abuse. East Jr. High School
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6mswxj>
- **Glass** by Ellen Hopkins contains inexplicit sexual activities; profanity; suicidal ideation; and drug abuse. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/yt9u9vwp>
- **The You I've Never Known** by Ellen Hopkins contains inflammatory racial and sexual commentary; alternate sexualities; profanity and derogatory terms; alcohol and drug use; sexual activities; and violence. <https://tinyurl.com/mr2vbrn8>
- **Fallout** by Ellen Hopkins contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; drug abuse and alcohol use. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/mpzepd2h>
- **Impulse** by Ellen Hopkins contains violence; sexual nudity; sexual activities; profanity; and illegal drug use.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/I/Impulse.pdf>
- **A Sin Such As This** by Ellen Hopkins contains explicit sexual activities including adults with minors and rape; sexual nudity; profanity; alcohol and drug use; controversial religious commentary; and discussions of suicide.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/S/A%20Sin%20Such%20as%20This.pdf>
- **Tricks** by Ellen Hopkins contains explicit sexual activities including child rape and abuse; drug abuse; violence; alcohol use; and adult and child prostitution.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/Tricks.pdf>
- **Tilt** by Ellen Hopkins has explicit sexual activities including sexual assault; alcohol use; drug abuse; and profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/Tilt.pdf>
- **Forbidden** by Tabitha Suzuma contains sexual activities including incest; sexual nudity; profanity; and suicide. Capital High School <https://tinyurl.com/3xns6apb>
- **Gender Queer** by Maia Kobabe contains obscene sexual activities and sexual nudity; alternate gender ideologies; and profanity. <https://tinyurl.com/2p956bm3>
- **Lawn Boy** by Jonathan Evison found quickly at This book contains sexual activities including molestation; sexual nudity; racially charged commentary; profanity and



the Common Sense Media Book Review, "Characters Zai, Cooper, Mimi, and Omar are kids between 8 and 10 years old who approach learning about sex and bodies very differently, affirming the various responses that kid readers might have as they work through the book. Neither reproduction or intercourse is discussed, but masturbation is described. Diagrams, definitions, and explanations explore different meanings of sex, bodies and their sexual organs, gender, touch (including "secret touch"), and relationships." [review source](#) Even this liberal review sites that parents and kids believe this book shouldn't be read prior to the ages of 11 or 14.

- **It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health 5th Ed.** by Robie H. Harris is at all of the public libraries which seem to be accessible by the Boise School District Schools. <https://tinyurl.com/ms97jsyk>
- **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky contains sexual activities including assault and battery; sexual nudity; profanity; violence; alcohol and drug use. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/2x96d9b6>
- **Let's Talk About It** promotes searching for pornography online as well as anal sex, masturbation, sex toys and other sexual acts. It says, the internet is " a great place to research fantasies and kinks safely" and " there are tons of people and communities out there who share your interests and have all kinds of advice". "When consumed right, porn can help you discover new aspects of your sexuality." This book contains obscene sexual illustrations and commentary; obscene sexual nudity; profanity; and alternate gender ideologies. <https://tinyurl.com/2hr6whf2>
- **George** aka **Melissa** by Alex Gino contains alternate gender ideologies and transitioning; sexuality; non-sexual nudity; and sexual activities. (Pages 23, 38, 49, 51, 90, 102, 103, 123, 135, 171) <https://tinyurl.com/567tnswm>
- **What Girls Are Made of** by Elana K. Arnold has sexually explicit excerpts involving minors. The book also seeks to normalize abortion and give accolades to Planned Parenthood. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/5ac5dp6m>
- **Last Night at the Telegraph Club** by Malinda Lo contains explicit sexual nudity and sexual activities. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/8m3sjb92>
- **All Boys Aren't Blue** by George M. Johnson contains sexual nudity; sexual activities including sexual assault; alternate gender ideologies; profanity and derogatory terms; alcohol and drug use; and controversial racial commentary. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/2yv3bt5u>
- **The Haters** by Jesse Andrews contains obscene sexual activities; sexual commentary, and excessive/frequent profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/5546s93n> 

- **Out of Darkness** by Ashley Hope Perez contains inflammatory racial commentary; derogatory terms and mild profanity; violence; explicit sexual nudity and explicit sexual activities including sexual assault and battery of a minor. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/567ma2x2>
- **Shout** by Laurie Halse Anderson contains sexual activities; sexual assault; sexual nudity; profanity; alcohol and drug use by minors; inflammatory gender references; and controversial social commentary. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/49mjr28b>
- **Boy Toy** by Barry Lyga contains sexual activities between a minor and an adult; sexual nudity; and excessive/frequent profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/2c3d9s6c>
- **Milk and Honey** by Rupi Kaur contains illustrations depicting non-sexual nudity; sexual activities including sexual assault. <https://tinyurl.com/ykvdzfh5>
- **Where I End and You Begin** by Preston Norton contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; alternate sexualities; profanity; and drug use. <https://tinyurl.com/32zjxran>
- **Me and Earl and The Dying Girls** by Jesse Andrews has several excerpts containing pornographic connotations and excessive profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/3arzvfp>
- **Closer** by Dennis Copper contains aberrant sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; violence; suicidal ideation; and underage alcohol and drug use. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/Closer.pdf>
- **Yolk** by Mary H.K. Choi contains inflammatory racial commentary; references to sexual nudity; sexual activities; and frequent/excessive profanity. <https://tinyurl.com/2ua8fdx5>
- **The Truth About Alice** by Jennifer Mathieu. According to BookLooks.org, "The subject of the book is about a highschool girl whom is rumored to be very promiscuous. The main character's friend has an abortion after having unprotected sex. The excerpt regarding that sexual encounter contains some level of detail, but exceptionally so. On a positive note, the author portrays the girl whom had sex and an abortion as an antagonist." <https://tinyurl.com/2p9ft3ae>
- **I'll Give You The Sun** by Jandy Nelson contains alternate sexualities; sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; alcohol use. <https://tinyurl.com/2p87v7mb>
- **Hooked** by Catherine Greenman contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; teenage pregnancy; alcohol and drug use; and profanity. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/Hooked.pdf>
- **Anatomy of a Boyfriend** by Daria Snadowsky contains sexual activities and sexual nudity.



<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/A/Anatomy%20of%20a%20single%2>

- **The Nowhere Girls** by Amy Reed contains obscene sexual activities including rape involving minors; alcohol use; and excessive/frequent profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/2s4m7yxe>
- **Water For Elephants** by Sarah Gruen contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; and profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/rnx2k4w>
- **More Happy Than Not** by Adam Silvera contains alternate sexualities; sexual activities; sexual nudity; excessive/frequent profanity; derogatory terms; and self-harm including suicide. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/jr2mmfbj>
- **The Carnival At Bray** by Jessie Ann Foley contains alcohol use involving minors; profanity; sexual activities; sexual assault involving minors; and sexual nudity. <https://tinyurl.com/2p8693e6>
- **Allegedly** by Tiffany Jackson contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; frequent profanity, and violence. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/A/Allegedly.pdf>
- **Beloved** by Toni Morrison contains sexual activities; bestiality commentary; violence; racial commentary; profanity; and derogatory terms. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/B/Beloved.pdf>
- **Dreaming In Cuban** by Christina Garcia contains profanity; sexual activities; sexual nudity; and alternate gender ideologies. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/D/Dreaming%20in%20Cuban.pdf>
- **Dead End** by Jason Myers contains obscene and aberrant sexual activities including sexual assault; sexual nudity; profanity; drug and alcohol use; graphic violence; and self-harm including suicide. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/D/Dead%20End.pdf>
- **Eleanor & Park** by Rainbow Rowell contains sexual activities; excessive/frequent profanity; and hate involving racism. (Pages 74, 75, 88, 174, 281, 283). <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/E/Eleanor%20and%20Park.pdf>
- **Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close** by Jonathan Safran Foer contains sexual nudity and sexual activities. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/E/Extremely%20Loud%20and%20IN>
- **Felix Ever After** by Kacen Callender contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; drug use; profanity; and alternate gender ideologies. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/F/Felix%20Ever%20After> 

<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/F/Feral%20Sins.pdf>

- **Flamer** by Mike Curato contains alternate sexualities; sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity and derogatory term; violence including self-harm; and controversial religious commentary. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/F/Flamer.pdf>
- **Gabi A Girl in Pieces** by Isabel Quintero contains sexual activities including sexual assault; sexual nudity; alternate sexualities; profanity; drug and alcohol abuse; controversial racial commentary; and alternate gender ideologies. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/G/Gabi%20A%20Girl%20>
- **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi contains sexual activities; sexual assault; and nudity. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/Homegoing.pdf>
- **Hopeless** by Colleen Hoover contains sexual activities; profanity; alcohol use; violence; suicide commentary; child molestation and sexual assault; controversial religious commentary; and alternate sexualities. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/Hopeless.pdf>
- **The Infinite Moment of Us** by Lauren Myracle contains obscene sexual activities; sexual nudity; and profanity. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/I/The%20Infinite%20Moment%20of>
- **Jesus Land: A Memoir** by Julia Scheeres contains explicit sexual nudity; obscene sexual activities including incest; underage alcohol abuse; and profanity. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/J/Jesus%20Land.pdf>
- **Living Dead Girl** by Elizabeth Scott contains explicit violence including child abuse; explicit sexual activities including sexual assault and battery; and sexual nudity. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/L/living%20dead%20girl.pdf>
- **Lucky** by Alice Sebold contains obscene excerpts involving sexual assault/battery; sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; and drug use. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/L/Lucky.pdf>
- **Nineteen Minutes** by Jodi Picoult contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity and derogatory terms; violence; controversial social and political commentary; controversial religious commentary; alternate sexualities; hate; abortion; and suicide commentary. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/N/Nineteen%20Minutes.pdf>
- **Oryx and Crake** by Margaret Atwood This book contains alcohol use and abuse; drug use; sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; suicide; violence; inflammatory religious commentary; and inexplicit beastiality. <http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/O/Oryx%20and%20Crake> 

cruelty; inexplicit sexual activities including bestiality; sexual nudity; profanity; and inflammatory religious commentary.

<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/S/Slaughterhouse%20Five.pdf>

- **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie contains inexplicit sexual nudity; inflammatory racial commentary; references to racism; and profanity. (Pages 12, 37, 62, 73, 118-120, 131, 135, 141, 143, 153, 154, 160, 167, 259).
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/A/The%20Absolutely%20True%20Di>
- **The Art of Racing in the Rain** by Garth Stein contains sexual activities; sexual nudity; profanity; and alcohol use.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/A/The%20Art%20of%20Racing%20ir>
- **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood This book contains profanity; violence; sexual activities; self-harm including suicide.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/The%20Handmaids%20Tale.pdf>
- **The Handmaid's Tale: The Graphic Novel** by Margaret Atwood adapted by Renee Nault contains alcohol use; explicit sexual activities; sexual nudity; mild profanity; explicit violence; and controversial gender ideologies.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/The%20Handmaids%20Tale%20Ti>
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas contains inflammatory racial commentary; frequent profanity; and inexplicit sexual activities.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/The%20Hate%20U%20G>
- **The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros contains violence involving child abuse and domestic violence; and sexual assault.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/The%20House%20on%20Mango%20St>
- **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo contains profanity; sexual activities; sexual nudity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/P/The%20Poet%20X.pdf>
- **The Upside of Unrequited** by Becky Albertalli contains inexplicit sexual nudity; sexual activities; references to sexuality; alcohol use; and frequent/excessive profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/U/the%20upside%20of%20unrequit>
- **Thirteen Reasons Why** by Jay Asher contains suicidal ideations; profanity; sexual nudity; and sexual activities. (Pages 10, 25, 27, 37, 47, 52, 88, 101, 121, 172, 174, 182, 247, 254, 264, 265).
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/Thirteen%20reasons%20why.pdf>
- **This Book is gay** by Juno Dawson This book contains excerpts and illustrations depicting explicit nudity and sexual activities.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/this%20Book%20is%20Gay.pdf>



- **Two Boys Kissing** by David Levithan contains inexplicit sexual activities and sexual nudity; alternate sexualities; inexplicit violence involving self-harm; and profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/Two%20Boys%20Kissing.pdf>
- **A Court of Frost and Starlight** by Sarah Mass This book contains mild profanity; explicit sexual nudity; and obscene references to sexual activities.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/Court%20of%20Frost%20and%20>
- **Throne of Glass** by Sarah Mass contains violence; mild profanity; and inexplicit sexual activities and sexual nudity. East Jr. High School
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/T/Throne%20of%20Glass.pdf>
- **Tower Of Dawn** by Sarah J. Maas contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; mild profanity; and explicit violence. <https://tinyurl.com/ybdw5y7y>
- **Empire of Storm** by Sarah J. Maas contains explicit sexual activities; sexual nudity; violence; and profanity. East Jr. High School <https://tinyurl.com/a4rtv69b>
- **A Court of Mist and Fury** by Sarah J. Maas contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; violence; and profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/Court%20of%20Mist%20and%20>
- **A Court of Thorns and Roses** by Sarah J. Maas contains graphic violence; explicit sexual nudity; obscene sexual activities; and mild profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/A%20Court%20of%20Thorns%20>
- **A Court of Wings and Ruin** by Sarah J. Maas contains sexual nudity; obscene explicit sexual activities; mild profanity; and violence.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/Court%20of%20Wings%20and%20>
- **A Court of Silver Flames** by Sarah J. Maas contains sexual nudity; sexual obscene sexual activities; profanity; and violence.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/C/Court%20of%20Silver%20Flames.>
- **House of Earth and Blood** by Sarah J. Maas contains obscene/explicit sexual activities and sexual nudity; frequent/excessive profanity; graphic violence; alcohol and drug use.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/House%20of%20Earth%20and%2>
- **House of Sky and Breath** by Sarah J. Maas contains obscene sexual activities and sexual nudity; profanity; explicit violence; and alcohol use.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/H/House%20of%20Sky%20and%20>
- **Empire of Storms** by Sarah J. Maas contains explicit sexual activities; sexual nudity; violence; and profanity.
<http://booklooks.org/data/files/Book%20Looks%20Reports/E/Empire%20of%20Storr> 

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