



Sumner County Board of Education

CHECKLIST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Title: Lawn boy: a novel

Author: Jonathan Evison

A. Purpose

1. What is the overall purpose of the material?
to provide perspective of the American Dream from the perspective of a marginalized young man.
2. Is the purpose accomplished? Yes No

B. Authenticity

1. Is the author competent and qualified in the field? Yes No
2. What is the reputation and significance of the author/publisher/producer in the field?
award-winning, recognized literary merit
3. Is the material up-to-date? Yes No
4. Are information sources well documented? Yes No N/A
5. Are translations and retellings faithful to the original? Yes No N/A

C. Appropriateness

1. Does the material promote the educational goals and objectives of the curriculum?
Yes No not tied to curriculum
2. Is it appropriate to the level of instruction intended? Yes No N/A not instructional material
3. Are the illustrations appropriate to the subject and age levels? Yes No N/A

D. Content

1. Is the content of this material well-presented by providing adequate scope, range, depth, and continuity? Yes No N/A
2. Does this material present information not otherwise available? Yes No
3. Does this material give a new dimension or direction to its subject? Yes No



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E. Reviews

1. Source of review: Favorably reviewed Unfavorably reviewed _____

2. Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? Yes No _____

If answer is yes, please list titles of selection aids.

Booklist starred review, Kirkus Review, Library Journal, Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, ALEX Award winner

Additional comments:

While this is a reputable book reflective of a part of society that is served by our public school system, the language present in complaint unfairly represents the context in which they appear; however, we as educators recognize the need to maintain faith & trust from the community, along with upholding a layman's understanding of the law.

Recommendation by School Textbook Advisory Committee for Treatment of Challenged

Materials:

Because of the language presented ~~is~~ in the complaint violates Section 2 of of Board Policy 4.40012: "book... contains ... narrative account of sexual excitement, sexual conduct... and which is harmful to minors." defined in Ginsberg v. New York "1) appeals to prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors... and 2) patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community... and 3) is utterly without redeeming social importance for minors,"

Jeremy _____

Date: this committee has determined that the book be removed from the GHS collection based on

Signature of Textbook Advisory Review Committee

Section 2 of obscene material policy.