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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS



Please provide information on the material for which you are requesting reconsideration:

Title:

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Author:

Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell

Copyright date:

2005

Publisher/Producer:

Simon & Schuster

Format (e.g. Book, DVD, Magazine, Pamphlet, etc.):

BOOK - Juvenile

What are you requesting the Library to do with this item? Since this book delves into an adult level topic, I request that it be moved from the children's section to the young adult section, so that no young child, or parent, mistakenly picks it up without searching for it using the library book catalog.

OBJECTIONABLE CONTENT: *Tango* starts out like many children's books, funny and cute. But soon we read that Tango is the very first penguin in the zoo to have two daddies (page 24). FIRST) This statement comes out of left-field and really puts a parent in a predicament because they assumed they were reading a cute book about penguins to their child, and then a major moral or social issue pops up. **This children's book is being used to tell and sell children about a social issue better suited for an older audience.** The relationship is framed as being cool, fun and joyous, when in reality, it is merely a survival process, and nothing more. Animals act in ways that help them survive. And most of those actions are driven by instinct. SECOND) These are NOT two "fathers" raising Tango, but instead two male surrogate parent, or "foster" penguins. They are not both fathers; **this story line is a social agenda, and not appropriate for a toddler book.** THIRD) Kids under the age of five seem too young for this type of subject matter, which at best will confuse them. **I don't want toddlers and young children having direct library access to stories with grown up themes such as adultery, alcoholism, gang violence, sexuality, etc.** Young adults, yes, toddlers NO! NOTE: If the story line had shared images of penguins being mauled by polar bears, I would have had similar feelings. Violence popping up in what looks like a fun and cute story book is not appropriate subject matter for a picture-story book. It is much better shared in a scientific format, and for older children.

Have you read, viewed, or listened to the entire work? Yes No

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If not, which parts have you read?

Can you suggest other material to take its place?

BOOK: Little Penguins, Cynthia Rylant
BOOK: How Do Penguins play, Diane Maldrow

What other comments would you like to make?

NONE

If you would like a written response, please include your name and address below.

Name

yes