

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS



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

Title:

Juliet Takes A Breath

Author:

Gabby Rivera (AUTHOR) Celia Moscote (artist)

Copyright date:

2020

Publisher/Producer:

Boom! Box, Los Angeles

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

Graphic Novel

What are you requesting the Library to do with this item?

(e.g. Remove it from the collection, Move it to another area of the Library, etc.)

Put this book under controlled circulation for 18+ year olds
Please describe what content you find objectionable. Be specific, citing page numbers and text when possible.

This book is labeled as appropriate for "Teens 13+". A) The pages are not numbered, but there are more than 40 uses of the words **fuck, cunt, dyke, pussy and shit**. (Probably not the words parents want their children using) B) There are numerous images (some attached) of **naked women in bed, in showers, kissing, embracing, and masturbating**. C) Readers will also see one person putting their hand in another person's **panties** for sexual pleasure. D) A number of characters walk around while **smoking marijuana**. (Probably not the behavior parents want to see in their young children). E) The overall book theme provides a **distorted view of reality** by showing that all of these behaviors are natural, common and perhaps universal. F) There is lots of **anti-white rhetoric**, which will only fuel aggression against others, not unity.

Have you read, viewed, or listened to the entire work?

Yes

No

103

If not, which parts have you read?

Can you suggest other material to take its place?

Not at this time.

What other comments would you like to make?

This book contains profanity, inflammatory racial and cultural commentary, sexual nudity and activities, fluid gender ideologies, alternate sexualities, and drug use. **I am not sure it is suitable or appropriate for circulation in our library for anyone under the age of 18.** In earlier times a book/magazine of this type would only have been in a controlled environment and the cover shielded from viewing by a plain brown cover. If you showed this book to twenty randomly selected parents of children between the ages of five and fifteen, I think they would be shocked and echo my thoughts. Put this book under controlled circulation. **You may need a new policy to cover the expenditure of public funds and a process for circulating materials that many may find offensive.**

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