



August 31, 2023

We received your Request for Reconsideration form regarding the book *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. We have owned this title since 2017, and it has been checked out 64 times. We reviewed it and have decided to retain it in the Young Adult fiction section.

According to our book vendor, this book's intended audience is teens ages 12-14, grades 7-9. It contains content and themes relevant to and written for teenagers. It also received many positive reviews from publications including Kirkus Reviews and VOYA Reviews (excerpts included below).

I understand some individuals may find the content of this book uncomfortable and parts of it objectionable, but the book is a well-reviewed work, popular in our collection, and located where one would expect to find it. Patrons are free to not check out the item or make a different selection for their child. The Christian County Library makes every effort to provide a broad selection of materials to meet the needs of diverse audiences, and we rely on parents and guardians to determine what is or is not suitable for their own households.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Renee Brumett, Executive Director
Christian County Library

Review Excerpts:

(Kirkus, September 2007)

Asher has created an entrancing character study and a riveting look into the psyche of someone who would make this unfortunate choice. A brilliant and mesmerizing debut from a gifted new author.

(VOYA Reviews, February 2008)

Teens will embrace Asher's debut novel because it is not condescending or preachy. Sex and drugs are plot elements but are not graphically described. Short sentences make it a quick, smooth read, yet there is depth to the novel. This provocative tale touches on universal topics of interest, is genuine in its message, and would be a good choice for high school book discussions and booktalks.