



MOMS FOR LIBERTY – HERNANDO COUNTY CHAPTER CURRICULUM & MATERIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Hernando County School District
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Brooksville, FL 34601

RE: SHS “The Truth About Alice” (M4LHC
– 090/2023)

October 28, 2023

Hernando County School District,

You will find an attached official challenge request from (M4LHC 090-23) for “*The Truth About Alice*” which is currently located at Springstead High School’s media center. This book was discovered back on August 1, 2023.

“*The Truth About Alice*” contains sexual age-inappropriate content: sexual nudity; sexual activities; sexuality, alcohol use; and profanity, bullying, and shaming of one girl by rumors in high school that changes her life. This book clearly shows a warning label for 18 years of age and up.

The actions of the media specialist or administrative staff in selecting this book currently violates H.B 467 s. 847.012 (b) that media specialists are responsible for selecting books free of pornographic and sexually explicit materials. Furthermore, the Hernando County School District is also in violation of H.B 1557 for teaching and/ or introducing sexual orientation and gender identity to children, as well as multiple provisions of H.B. 1069.

As the newly elected Committee Chair for the Curriculum and Materials Review Committee of the Hernando County Chapter of Moms for Liberty, I remind you that besides the District of Hernando County Schools being in violation, it is not the responsibility of the District or any staff employed by the District to make a decision concerning these mature topics. District Staff should not be encouraging minors to read a book for adults only.

In closing, I’m calling on the Hernando County School Board to remove this book from Springstead High School effective immediately, and in accordance with District Policy (*Media Specialist Handbook*), and H.B. 1069 which both clearly state that books can’t be “disappeared” (*i.e., hidden*) but instead properly disposed of not only through steps outlined in the Media Specialist Handbook regarding the disposal of books, but also accurately noted as disposed of in Alexandria as outlined in H.B. 1069.

In Liberty,

Julia Thomas

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Request for Reconsideration of Media Materials/Instructional Materials

Instructions: Complete and return this form with all materials to be reviewed.

Please type or print..

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION:

Have you read or viewed the entire material? Yes

Request Initiated by (first and last name) JT

Address : PO Box 1568 City Brooksville State FL Zip Code 34605

Telephone _____ Email (optional)

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Date of Request: October 28, 2023 Author: Jennifer Mathieu

Title: The Truth About Alice

Publisher, Date of Publication/Production, Type of Media: Roaring Book Press
2014

School(s) in which item is used: Springstead High School

What first prompted your concern? Please See Attached

To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific, cite pages, frames, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary) Please See Attached

Are you aware of the judgement of this educational material by literary and/or authoritative critics?

Yes X No _____

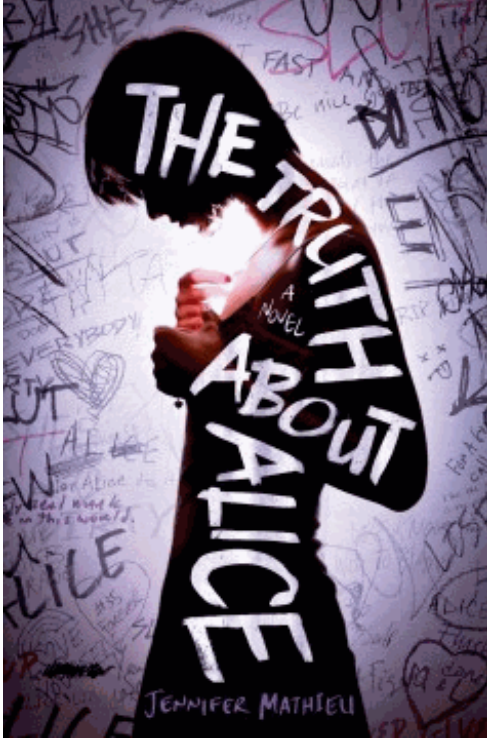
If yes, where? Name and date of publication: GoodReads 2023, 2022

Complainant's Signature

Julia Thomas

Date October 28, 2023

THE TRUTH ABOUT ALICE



Young Adult

By Jennifer Mathieu

ISBN: 978-1596439092



Summary of Concerns:

This book contains sexual nudity; sexual activities; alcohol use; and profanity.

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Minor Restricted
BookLooks Review Rating

Page	Content
1	Alice Franklin slept with two guys in the very same night in a bed IN MY HOUSE this past summer, just before the start of junior year. She slept with one and then, like five minutes later, she slept with the other one.
2	Because Alice Franklin is a slut.
10	I mean, it was one thing to be a girl who'd had sex. But it was something else entirely to be a girl who'd had sex with two guys in one night.
27	"Mark my words, man," Brandon said, "that dude is never going to get any pussy. Ever." "Not like you, King of All Pussy," I said, wishing we had more beer.
27	Old people knew him, little kids in grade school knew him, fucking Mexicans who moved here five seconds ago and didn't even know English knew him. Everybody knew Brandon Fitzsimmons. Brandon got more action than any other guy I knew. He'd even slept with Ms. Sanchez, this chick who teaches Spanish part-time at Healy High. She's like twenty-four with a pretty great body, and Brandon said he needed help with Spanish and he just showed up at her house, and according to Brandon they did it on the kitchen table while her husband was at work.
28	I'm not saying this to sound like a dick or anything, but I could probably get action with lots of girls in our class in about five seconds if I wanted to. But for some reason a lot of the girls in our class annoy the piss out of me.
29	It was like Brandon was reading my mind the afternoon of Elaine's party, because after we talked about Kurt Morelli, he said, "Speaking of pussy, you should try to get some action tonight with Maggie Daniels. Her panties get wet every single time you walk by her locker."
31	Brandon was saying something else about Alice Franklin's tits.
41	"Stay away from him. His name is Kyle Walker. We went out in middle school, and he's a total asshole."
48	"I gave him a blow job," she said.
49	I wasn't sure how Alice felt, but there was a part of me that thought giving a blow job seemed like an even bigger deal than having sex. ... I knew what Alice had done was stupid and sort of slutty even, but I was jealous she had a story to tell and, once again, I didn't.
54	That perhaps becoming The Slut Who Killed the Star Quarterback was making it difficult to focus on her studies.
62	"You need to get laid," Brandon Fitzsimmons said from the couch where he was drinking his fourth beer.
65	"Your mom has big tits? I'll have to look next time!"
66	"Let me check out your big tits," he said, gasping for air.
68	tommy and me banged Alice Franklin upstairs.
69	How Alice Franklin slept with two guys in one night in my guest bedroom. Two guys in one HOUR.
70	OMG that Alice Franklin girl is so slutty!
70	"That girl is a total slut," I said.
72	So we picked on Alice Franklin. A nobody, a slut, a killer.

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74	ATTENTION! ALICE FRANKLIN IS A HO SLUT WHORE WO DOES IT WITH EVERYBODY! We all laughed, all of us, and then I said, "My turn." ALICE FRANKLIN HAS GIVEN 423 BLOW JOBS!!!! NOW THAT'S A LOT OF DICK!
78	"Yeah, we really did it, man," he answered me. "Fuckin' awesome too. Alice is hot. Even with that short hair and shit." He started laughing again as he rambled on. "Tommy didn't mind sloppy seconds?" I asked, kind of not wanting to ask but asking anyway. "No he didn't," Brandon said. "She couldn't get enough. Me twice and Tommy once. I'm gonna have to hit that again soon."
80	Alice likes it fast and hard. Alice did it with my grandpa. And she liked it! RIP Fitzsimmons! Alice Franklin = Killer/Whore
80	Alice Franklin is a whore, slut, ho, bitch, and a killer, too!!! It's the slut's fault!
89	The Slut Stall. Telling people about Alice and the abortion.
98	"If knackered is smart boy talk for lit to the tits, then yeah, I am."
103	"But you didn't, uh, bang her?" "Nope," he said. "Didn't. Bang. Alice."
116	I just smiled back and nodded, unable to talk. I tried to remember everything about that moment. The way the hair on his chest was so fine and blond and curled just so, just like the hair on his magnificent calves. The way his lips tasted like Sonic and vanilla Carmex. The way he put his hands on me wherever he wanted to, and I let him. I'm doing it. I'm actually doing it. Right now at this moment I'm doing it. It hurt. Like hell. And it was over in three minutes. Afterward, all I wanted to do was put my clothes on. It had happened so fast that my bathing suit was still damp from swimming in the pool that afternoon. I yanked my cover-up over me and sat up on the bed, not sure what to say. Tommy reached over and grabbed his shorts. The little whisper in the back of my head that reminded me we hadn't used protection go louder all of a sudden, but I told it to shut up. Tommy hadn't mentioned using anything, and I guess I just followed his lead. "You didn't tell me," he said. It hurt between my legs. Ached, actually.
119	But the thought of telling Alice that I had slept with a guy who wasn't even my boyfriend- just a guy who'd picked me up at the pool for God's sake- was just too weird.
119	By the time I found out I was pregnant, Tommy Cray was a freshman at Texas Tech and I was a month and a half into my sophomore year at Healy High.
125	My mom never actually said, "Kelsie, you're going to have an abortion." Later on, I figured out my mom probably believed not saying it makes it like it never happened.
131	We'd made small talk at the pool and had sex once. That was it.
131	I guess he meant it in a friendly way and everything, but come on. How's tenth grade other than your abortion?

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140	There's no end to the rumors about Alice, and from what I overhear there's no end to the graffiti in the so-called Slut Stall upstairs.
152	And I'm not so small town that I don't realize that even in Manhattan, a girl like Alice Franklin would still have been considered a slut.
160	"Okay. So you told the entire school I had an abortion because one time- over a year ago- I lied to you about giving Mark Lopez a blow job because I felt stupid about it? That's why you told everyone I had an abortion?"
173	"I need to get laid," Brandon yelled, laughing. "Now where the hell is Alice Franklin's number?"
186	And maybe she did have sex with two guys in the same night, but hadn't Brandon probably had sex with five times that number of girls the summer before junior year alone?
192	So it would become easy for them to treat me like shit. So my best friend since freshman year could justify dumping me and telling everyone I had an abortion. So they could have the Slut Stall and enjoy having it.

Profanity	Count
Ass	11
Bitch	2
Dick	7
Fuck	3
Piss	9
Pussy	3
Shit	23
Tit	6

Universal Book Content (UBC) Rating

0	1	2	3	4	5
• Mild Non-Explicit Violence • No Nudity • No Profanity • No References to Sexual Activities • No Drug or Alcohol Use	• Mild Non-Explicit Violence • Non-Sexual Nudity • No Profanity • No References to Sexual Activities • Mentioning of Drug or Alcohol Use	• Moderate Violence • Non-Sexual Nudity • Moderate Profanity • Inexplicit Sexual Activities • Drug or Alcohol Use	• Explicit Violence • Sexual Nudity • Explicit or Frequent Use of Profanity • Sexual Activities No penetration, cunnilingus, fellatio, or ejaculation • Drug or Alcohol Abuse	• Aberrant Violence • Explicit Sexual Activities Ejaculation and Sexual Penetration (oral, anal, vaginal, fingering) • Explicit or Frequent use of Profanity • Aberrant Drug or Alcohol Abuse	• Explicit References to Aberrant Sexual Activities
Appropriate for all audiences	Might have minor issues for young readers	Suggested minimum younger teen	Suggested minimum older teen	Definitely adult only content	Might be arrested for reading at school board meetings

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The truth about Alice

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"When ugly rumors and lies about Alice Franklin start after one of the guys she allegedly slept with at a party dies in a car accident, questions about truth arise in her small town"--Provided by publisher.

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