

**Boundary County Library Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda**

Date: Thursday May 18, 2023

Time 6:00pm

Location: Bonners Ferry Visitors Center

6373 Bonner St. Bonners Ferry, ID

**Special Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm

**Roll Call:**

**Agenda Item:**

**Public Comment—3 minute Limit maximum**

**Reconsideration of three Young Adult Ellen Hopkins books: Perfect, Impulse, and Crank requested by Gregory Lamberty—see attached Reconsideration Forms\***

**Adjournment:** Special Meeting

\*Indicates Board Action Item

Posted this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2023

Materials Reconsideration Form

Material Information

Author Ellen Hopkins Title Perfect  
Publisher Margaret K. McElderry Books Internet address/ Call# \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Material: ☒ Book (hardcover, pb, etc.) ☐ DVD ☐ Audiobook  
☐ Other

Request Initiated by:

Name Gregory Lambert Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This complaint represents: ☒ Individual ☐ Organization (Name \_\_\_\_\_)

Please answer the following questions about the material:

Did you read/ view/ listen to the entirety of this item? If not, what parts? p 3, 6, 20, 35, 45, 65, 72

To what in this item do you object, please be specific? There is a mixture of suicide, drugs and immoral sex all of which leads to misery

To what in this item or site do you object? (Please be specific-cite pages, scenes, etc.) see Top question

What harmful effect do you feel might be/ was the result of reading/ viewing/ listening to the item? leads children to destructive behavior <sup>can lead to suicide</sup> the pleasure seeking girl <sup>drug use</sup>

Do you believe this item or site serves any of the following purposes? (circle)

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|--|-----|-------------------------------------|
| A. Promotes understanding of other cultures or lifestyles?               | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO |
| B. Promotes discussion of societal issues?                               | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO |
| C. Provides information about a subject unavailable from another source? | YES | <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO |

In its place, what other source would you recommend that would convey valuable information or prospective on this subject? None

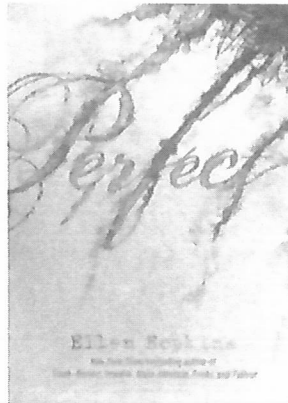
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# PERFECT



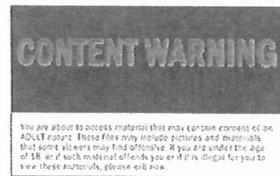
Booklist

## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains sexual explicit content, including profanity, drug and alcohol abuse, profanity and derogatory terms, racial/ethnic/sexual commentary, suicide, and including anorexia and suicide.

By Ellen Hopkins

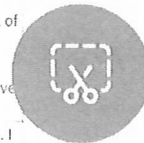
ISBN: 978-1-4169-8324-8



**4** /5  
Not For Minors  
Booklinks Review Rating

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Page	Content
31	never would have expected Conner to attempt the coward's way out, though. Some consider suicide an act of honor.
61	I mean, by putting a gun to his chest, he made an overt, if obscene, statement I will no longer force myself inside your prefab boxes. I'd much rather check out of here than let you decide the rest of my life.
	"Your," meaning Mom and Dad.
20	Once I hit eighteen, my pageant winnings will be all mine to spend, and I will have the D cups I need to kick ass in the cutthroat world of fashion.
35	...Guess you're right about the piss test. But after that, I still want the good shit. I know you've got a line on them. Get me some, I'll make it worth your trouble.
45	What are you? A homosexual?
65	You know. The gun. The hospital...
	Okay, she's the one who's dense. "Why would Conner shooting himself have anything to do with 'us'? Accidents hap- Wait. Are you saying it wasn't an accident?"
	...It was not an accident, Kendra. Conner tried to kill himself.
72	Rumor had it her stepdad liked her a little too much. She coped with his "bad, bad touch" by binge-and-puking. Bulimia is nasty. Hanging your head in the toilet after every meal? Sticking your fingers down your throat?
	...Real control is not putting in more than you can work off. Knowing the exact count and keeping track. Shaving off every extra caloric unit you can without passing out. And the most important thing of all- keeping everyone else in the



Materials Reconsideration Form

Material Information

Author Ellen Hopkins Title Impulse  
Publisher Simon and Schuster Internet address/ Call# \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Material: ☒ Book (hardcover, pb, etc.) ☐ DVD ☐ Audiobook  
☐ Other

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Please answer the following questions about the material:

Did you read/ view/ listen to the entirety of this item? If not, what parts? Page 10, 13, 17, 18

To what in this item do you object, please be specific? The passages I read gave several methods to commit suicide

To what in this item or site do you object? (Please be specific-cite pages, scenes, etc.) see first question. They give ideas on how to end your life

What harmful effect do you feel might be/ was the result of reading/ viewing/ listening to the item? It gives depressed children ways to kill themselves

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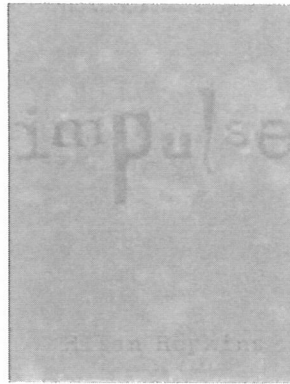
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# IMPULSE



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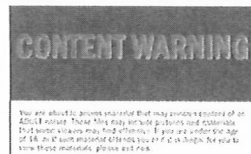
This book contains violence, sexual content, sexual activities, profanity, and illegal drug use.

Young Adult

By Ellen Hopkins

ISBN: 1-41690357-7

1-41690356-9



3  
/5

Minor Restricted  
Bookshop Review Rating

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Page	Content
10	I wonder what Dad said when he heard I tried to put myself six feet under--and failed. I should have put the gun to my head, worried less about brain damage, more about getting dead. Finis. Instead, I decided a shot through the heart would make it stop beating, rip it apart to bleed me out.
13	I won't tell you I never tried crystal, but it really wasn't my thing. ...I diddled with pot first, but that tasty green weed couldn't drag me low enough. Which mostly left downers, "borrowed" from medicine cabinets and kitchen cabinets and nightstands. Wherever I could find them. And once in a while--not often, because it was pricey and tough to score--once in a while, I tumbled way low, took a ride on the H train. Oh yeah, that's what I'm talking about. A hot shot clear to hell. I Wasn't Worried About getting hooked, though I knew plenty of heroin addicts. ...I mean, you'd think half a bottle of Valium would do the trick. Maybe it would have, but I had to toss in a fifth of Jack Daniels. Passed out, just as I would have expected.
17	So I just sit here, brain wobbling. Tipping. Tripping on Prozac. I wonder if they give everyone Prozac on their twice--daily med deliveries.
18	The First Cut Wasn't the deepest. No, not at all. It was like the others, a subtle rend of anxious skin, a gentle pulse of crimson, just enough to hush the demons shrieking inside my brain. But this time they wouldn't shut up. Just kept on howling like demons when the sun is a bad moon.



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To what in this item do you object, please be specific? These passages give children ways to do drugs

To what in this item or site do you object? (Please be specific-cite pages, scenes, etc.) all.

What harmful effect do you feel might be/ was the result of reading/ viewing/ listening to the item? It glorifies drug use which will lead to "impulse"

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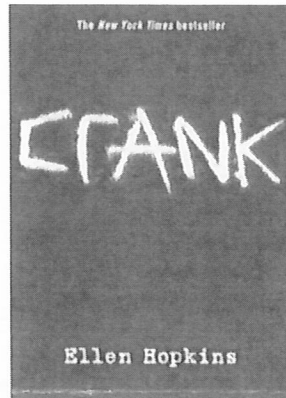
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# CRANK



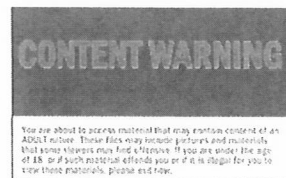
Young Adult

## Summary of Concerns:

This book contains material related to sex, violence, sexual history, profanity, and drug abuse.

By Ellen Hopkins

ISBN: 978-1442471818



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/5

Minor Restricted  
BookLook's Review Rating

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Page	Content
67	Been smokin' pot since I was 13, couldn't quit if I tried. ...The white stuff was a different story. He'd stay up all night, eating zip, bowling and snorting line after line. Rent money, right up the nose.
68	We used to do coke, till "Just Say No" put the stuff out of reach. Now it's crank. Meth. The Monster. It's a bitch on the body but damn do you fly.
69	You fly until you crash
85	So when he asked about getting high, I didn't think, I agreed. We smoked some good California green. Took three tries to put me in the place he said I should be. ...I wanted to meet the monster. Why go down if you can go up? Sleepy. Not "high" at all, but real low. And real slow.
86	Some good green bud around. You're gonna love it. You'll see ...Like magic, a mirror and razor blade appeared.
87	watched him pour powder, yellowish-white. It will take you to heaven. Used the blade to chop the chunks fine, draw two crooked lines. Make you want to fly all night. He held the mirror to my face, handed me a saw toothed straw. Make you want to make love to me.
88	You start to climb crank crank crank

