

# PROPAGANDA IN THE LIBRARY

AN EXPOSE ON BOOKS WE'VE FOUND IN
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
+ WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT







#### Welcome

There is only so much space on a bookshelf. This guide explores what books Scottsdale Unified School District has made available to students, and what organizations the district is relying on to make its book buying decisions.

Each child and each family are different. We encourage you to use this guide to aid in your decision-making process about your child's access to reading materials at school. Should you find content in these pages that is not a good fit for your family, you can use the tips and resources provided in chapter 4 to safeguard your child and/or challenge the book.

We hope you find this guide useful and welcome your feedback at Connect@ScottsdaleUnites.com.







**Scottsdale Unites for Educational Integrity** 

Thank you!

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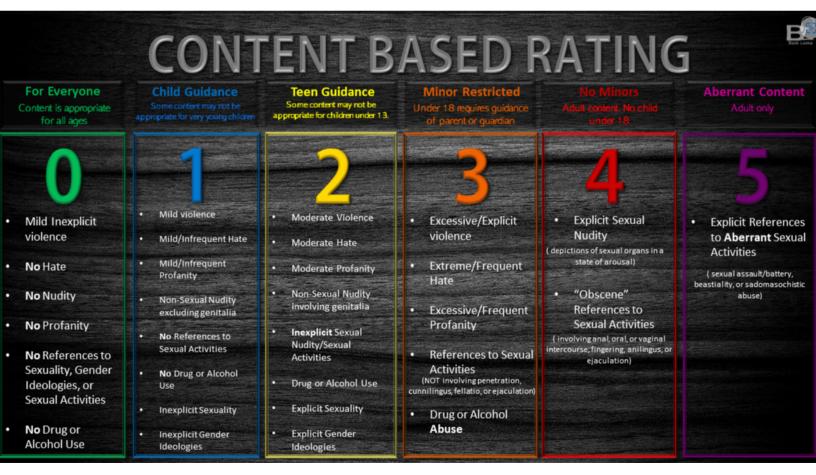
In this chapter, learn how books are rated for ageappropriate content and discover which organizations are funding and advocating for placing porn in public schools.

A child's innocence is the one gift, that once stolen, can never be replaced.



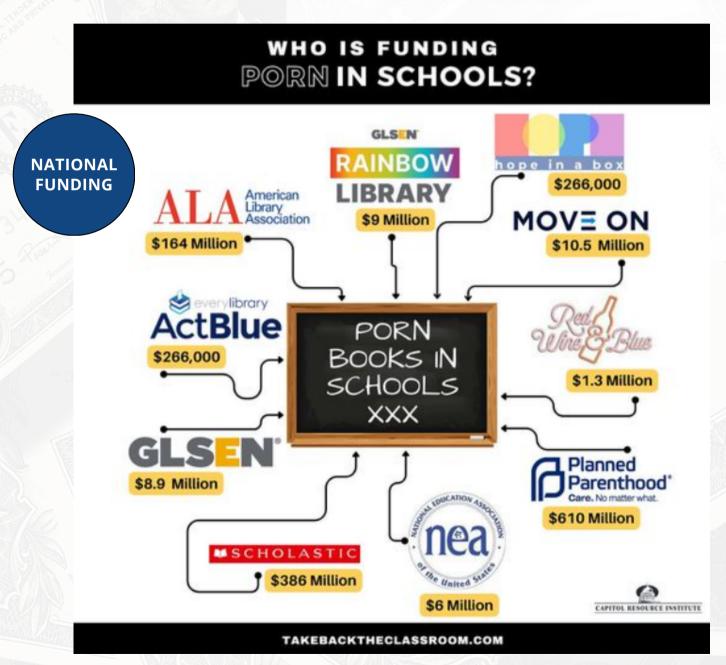
## BOOK Ratings

Book Looks has developed a content rating system to help busy parents and librarians understand what's between the covers of a book. Books **rated 4** (obscene references to sexual activities) and **rated 5** (aberrant sexual activities such as beastiality) are **intended for adults only**, however many of these books are **available to Scottsdale students**. On the following pages, we'll share examples of what your child may find in their Scottsdale Unified library.



## WHO IS FUNDING MATURE CONTENT IN SCHOOLS?

Scottsdale Unified School District uses American Library
Association as a trusted source for library book selection, GLSEN
for Gender Sexuality Alliance club content and coordinates with
teachers' unions aligned with the <u>National Education Association</u>.





Review a selection of books found in Scottsdale Unified School District libraries:

- Books rated 5 (adult only)
- Books rated 4 (18+)
- Gender identity books
- White privilege books

The age of innocence and childlike wonder is much too short.



**BOOKS RATED: ADULT ONLY** 

## BOOKS YOU CAN'T READ AT BOARD MEETINGS



The following pages contain excerpts from books that are rated 4 or 5 indicating "adults only" content, however these books are available to students in Scottsdale Unified libraries.



#### **RATED 5: ADULT ONLY**

#### The following books are available to Scottsdale students ages 14-18



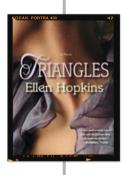
#### **PUSH** by Sapphire

My clit swell up think Daddy. Daddy sick me, disgust me, but still he <u>sex me up</u>. I nawshus in my stomach but hot tight in my twat and I think I want it back, the smell of the bedroom, the hurt- he slap my face ... awww I come.



#### **DOOMED** by Chuck Palahniuk

"Dear Diary," ... "today I ingested LSD and gave loving hand jobs to a herd of wildebeests...." ... while my mom and dad imagined me in <u>sticky twosomes</u> and threesomes with donkeys and capuchin monkeys ...



#### **TRIANGLES** by Ellen Hopkins

My body screams for <u>orgasm</u>, but not like that. "Fuck me, " I beg. His eyes, feral, meet mine. He smiles, props me up on his knee. Unzips his fine silk trousers, brings the swollen knob of his cock just outside my thrumming slit.



#### **SOLD** by Patricia McCormick

Underneath the <u>weight of him</u>, I cannot see or move or breathe. He fumbles with his pants, forces my legs apart, and I can feel him pushing himself between my thighs. I gasp for air and kick and squirm.



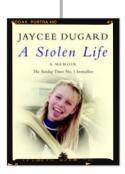
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#### **LUCKY** by Alice Sebold

I took it in my hand. It was small. <u>Hot, clammy</u>. It throbbed involuntarily at my touch. He shoved my head forward and I put it in. It touched my tongue. The taste like dirty rubber or burnt hair. ... "Don't you know how to suck a dick?"

#### **HAUNTED** by Chuck Palahniuk

She says the only place left to <u>have sex</u> is out in the open. The sidewalk. The subway. People only want to watch if they think they can't. ...Viagra-hard, he rode her on all fours, doggy-style, even taking himself out and poking at her ass until she said to stop.

#### **TRICKS** by Ellen Hopkins

I have to admit I have thought about boinking her more than once, while taking solo care of a hard-on. ... Ronnie is definite <u>boner bait</u>, at least when I'm left to my own imagination instead of Internet porn. Viva la webcams

#### A STOLEN LIFE by Jaycee Dugard

He says he's going to get me dressed ... then depending on his mood, the rest will consist of me <u>masturbating him</u>, sucking his penis, me in whatever position he desires, and dancing over him while he masturbates.



#### **RATED 4: NO CHILD UNDER 18**

The following books are available to Scottsdale students ages 11-18



#### **CALL ME BY YOUR NAME**

#### by Andre Aciman

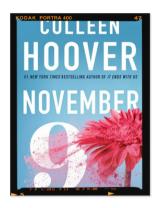
...brought the ... peach to my groin, and then began to press into it till the parted fruit slid down my cock. If Oliver walked in on me now, I'd let him suck me as he had this morning.



#### THE BLUEST EYE

#### by Toni Morrison

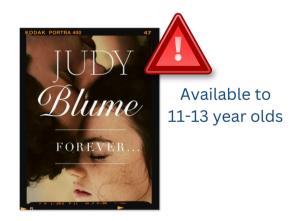
I destroyed white baby dolls. The truly horrifying thing was the transference of the same impulses to <u>little white girls</u>.



#### **NOVEMBER 9**

#### by Colleen Hoover

His hand is right back where it was before...grazing the edge of my panties... Oh, God, his fingers are slowly tracing up the front of my panties ... "You're so wet."



#### **FOREVER**

#### by Judy Blume

I straddled him, helping Ralph find the right angle, and when he was inside me I moved slowly- up, down - until I couldn't control myself anymore.



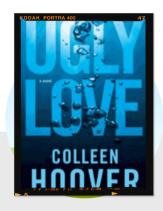
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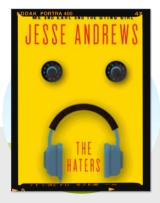
#### **RED HOOD** by Elana Arnold

... a hand on each of your thighs, his head buried between them, and he's not teasing... he's earnest in <u>his desire to bring you desire</u>



#### **UGLY LOVE** by Colleen Hoover

"You just fucked my sister?"... A lot of sex. Shower sex. Bedroom sex. Floor sex. Kitchen-table sex.



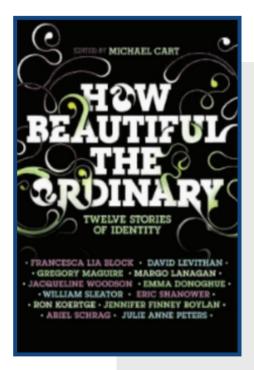
#### **THE HATERS** by Jesse Andrews

It was definitely <u>my boner</u>. .....still had the boner, masturbated in a brisk businesslike manner into the sink with the hotel conditioner...



#### **INFANDOUS** by Elana Arnold

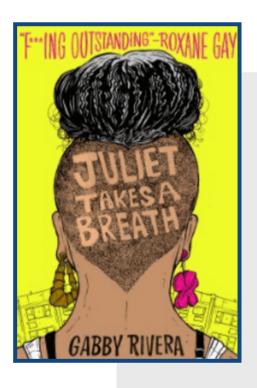
... inspired by <u>Sal's lesbo porn</u> comment, ... and the moans and groans .. jiggling boobs and condom-sheathed cock...



#### HOW BEAUTIFUL THE ORDINARY: TWELVE STORIES OF IDENTITY

Presents twelve stories by contemporary, award-winning young adult authors, some presented in graphic or letter format, which explore <u>themes of gender identity</u>, <u>love</u>, <u>and sexuality</u>.

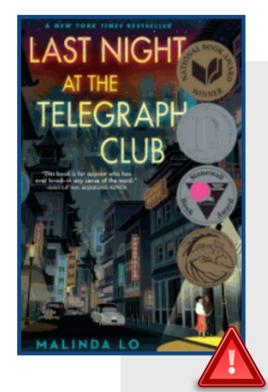
"It's far too easy to get porn nowadays."



#### **JULIET TAKES A BREATH**

Ever since <u>nineteen-year-old Juliet Palante told</u>
<u>her family she's a lesbian</u>, her mother has barely spoken to her. So when Juliet is awarded an internship with her favorite author, she goes to Portland. There she's welcomed just as she is.

"Feroucious cunt ... Dyke Magazine called her the pussy lady. ... Feminism. The word still sounds weird. Too white."

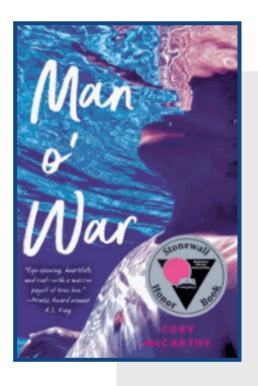


#### LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu ... meets her first white friend. When the pair ... see a performer at a lesbian bar, they ... **explore their sexuality** and begin a relationship in secret.

"I heard it's all hookers and dykes, and you can get bennies there under the table,"

Available to 11-13 year olds



#### MAN 'O WAR

On a field trip to SeaPlanet, River McIntyre has a chance encounter with Indy, a happy, healthy queer person, which sets off a wrenching journey of self-discovery, from internalized homophobia and gender dysphoria, through layers of coming out, <u>affirmation surgery</u>, and true love.

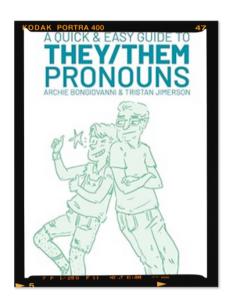
They're a whole colony of organisms living together. "A polygender."

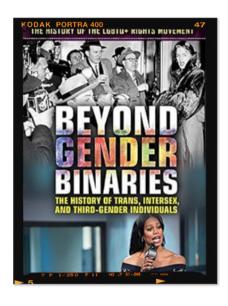
# BOOKS ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY + SEXUALITY

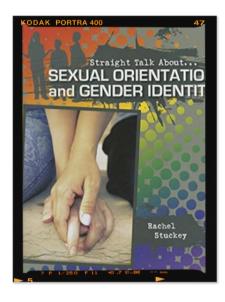


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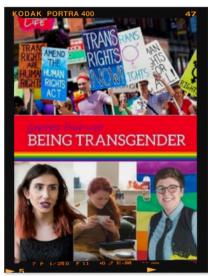
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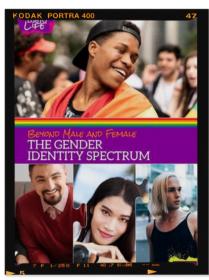






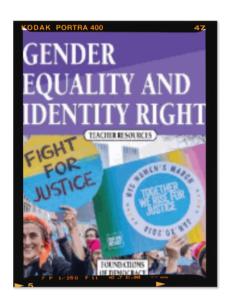


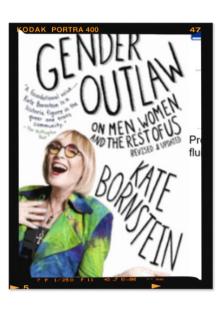


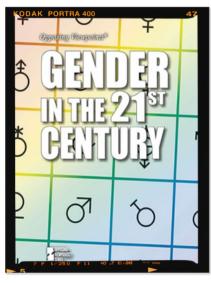


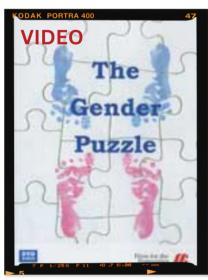
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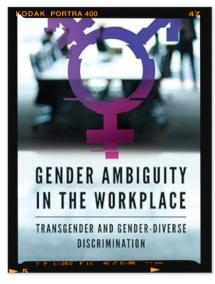




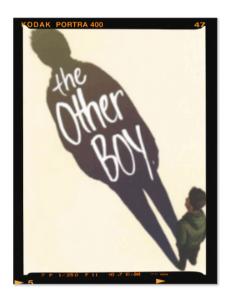


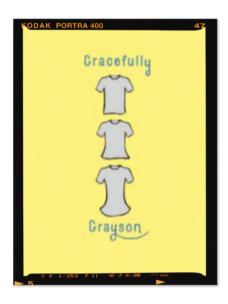


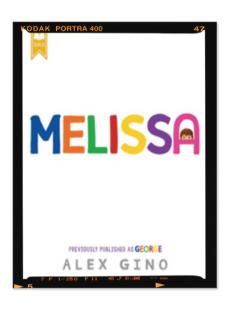


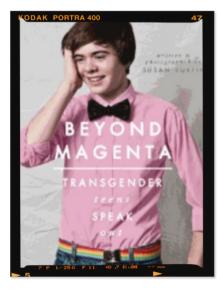


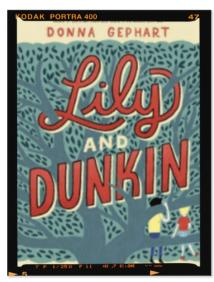
The following are a small selection of gender identity books available to MIDDLE SCHOOL students at SUSD.

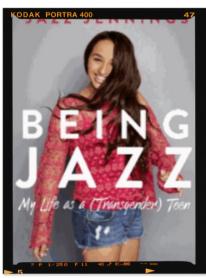






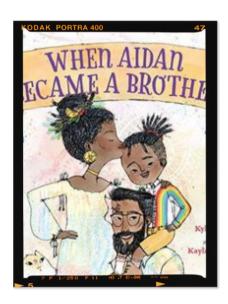




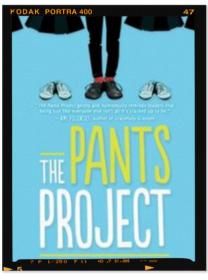


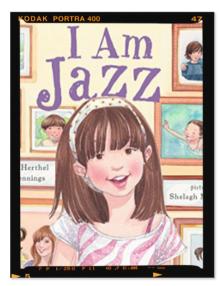
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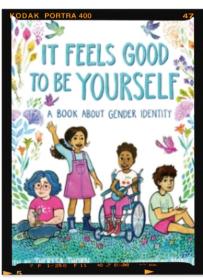










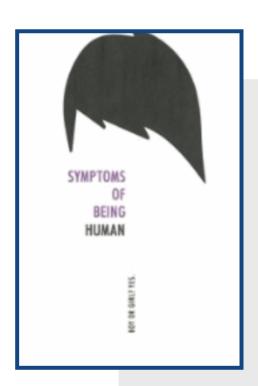






#### **GREEN**

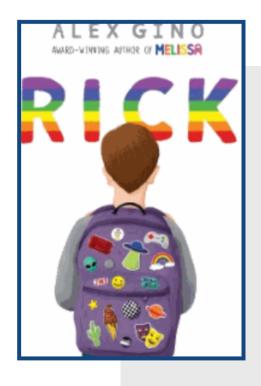
Nonbinary Green Gibson, who attends Jung Middle School, tries out for a gender-inclusive casting of "The Wizard of Oz," and when they don't make the cut, decides to help out behind the scenes. Working alongside their new crush Ronnie, Green must navigate the confusion of trying to figure out if the boy feels the same way about them.



#### SYMPTOMS OF BEING HUMAN

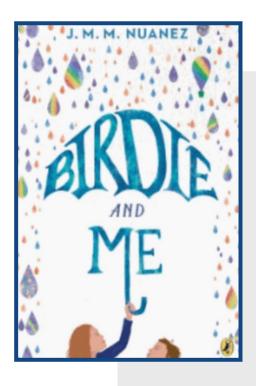
Riley Cavanaugh, a gender-fluid teen who struggles with identity, creates an anonymous blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the new school he attends. When someone threatens to reveal Riley's identity as the creator of the blog, Riley must walk away from his lifeline and cause, or risk everything by coming out and standing up for his beliefs.





#### **RICK**

Although Rick has never thought about his identity much, when he begins middle school, he attends the **Rainbow Spectrum Club** where he meets kids of <u>all genders and identities</u>, including a girl named Melissa. Rick wants to have his life all figured out like Melissa, so he begins a quest to find his place in the world, even if it means breaking some old friendships.



#### **BIRDIE AND ME**

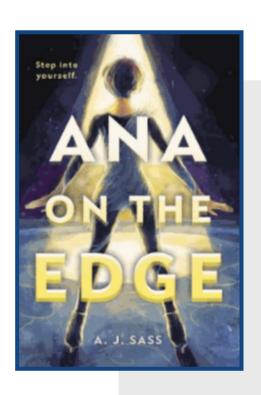
"Ever since their free-spirited mama died ten months ago, twelve-year-old Jack and her **gender creative** nine-year-old brother, Birdie, have been living with their fun-loving Uncle Carl, but now their **conservative Uncle Patrick** insists on being their guardian which **forces all four of them to confront grief, prejudice,** and loss, all while exploring what 'home' really means"--Provided by publisher.





#### SPIN WITH ME

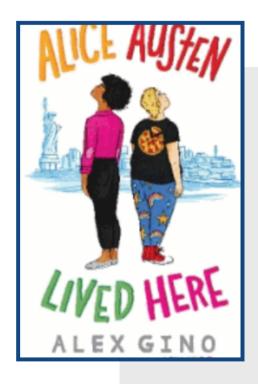
Resenting her parents for moving the family to a new town for her dad's new professorship, thirteen-year-old Essie cannot wait until she can get back to her home--until she meets Ollie, a boy who goes by "them" and identifies as "non-binary." The two young people quickly develop a crush on each other, but Ollie may be too busy advocating for queer rights to give their feelings a chance before Essie has to move back.



#### ANNA ON THE EDGE

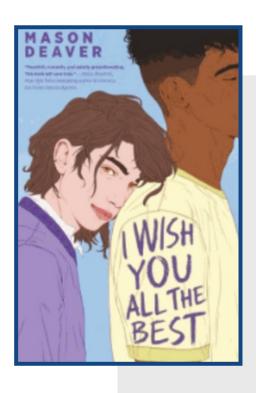
"Ana-Marie Jin, the twelve-year-old U.S. Juvenile figure skating champion, has two different identities to juggle while on the ice after she meets transgender boy Hayden, who mistakes Ana for a boy. Ana does not correct Hayden, deciding to pretend to be a boy in order to not have to wear a princess-themed outfit for the next season's program. Ana and Hayden's friendship develops over a season filled with confusion and questions about gender identity and what it means to think she is gender nonbinary.





#### **ALICE AUSTEN**

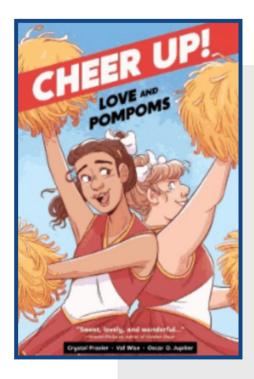
Seventh-grade **nonbinary best friends** Sam and TJ explore the borough of Staten Island in New York to complete a history assignment for school. Instead of choosing a "**Dead Straight Cisgender White Man**" to study, they decide to explore queer history in the area and learn about lesbian photographer Alice Austen.



#### I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

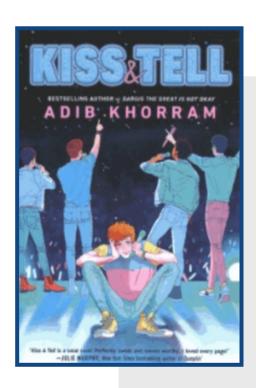
After **coming out as nonbinary**, Ben must leave home and go to live with a sister and her husband to finish the last year of high school.





#### **CHEER UP! LOVE AND POMPOMS**

Annie needs to join the cheerleading squad in order to round out her college applications, and Bebe is a trans girl trying to find a way to fit in and keep her grades up in order to keep her parents in support of her transition. They two former friends find themselves reconnecting through cheerleading and discover that they may have feelings for one another.



#### **KISS & TELL**

On boy band Kiss & Tell's first major tour, lead singer Hunter Drake grapples with a painful breakup with his first boyfriend, his first rebound, and the stress of what it means to be queer in the public eye.

"And it makes me feel kind of shitty, too, because I'm a rich white gay cis boy and so many of them are poor and brown and trans."

#### **WARNING:**

Desert Canyon Middle
School adds LGBTQ+
labels to book spines
so that children can
more easily find books
like *Spinning* which
contains nudity;
alternate sexualities;
hate commentary
involving homophobia;
violence involving
attempting sexual
assault; and profanity.











Desert Canyon Middle School Library

TIP:
Visit your child's school library.



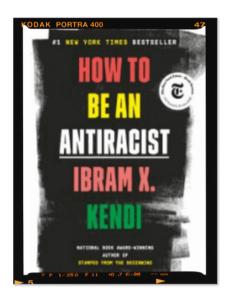
# BOOKS ABOUT WHITE PRIVILEGE + RACISM

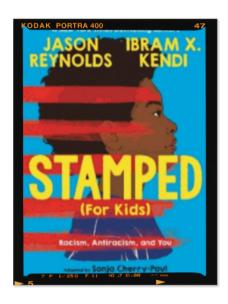


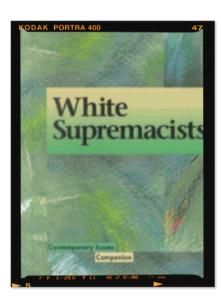
The following pages contain just a few examples of books available to Scottsdale Unified students that push to divide students along racial lines of oppressors and the oppressed. These books use the concepts of "white privilege" and "anti-racism" to stigmatize white students, while offering a dark view of the world where white supremacy and brutality by white police officers against black youth is the norm.

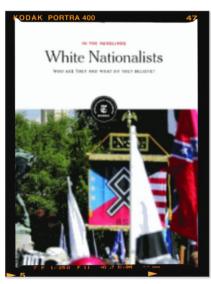
## BOOKS ABOUT RACE, WHITE PRIVILEGE + POLICE BRUTALITY

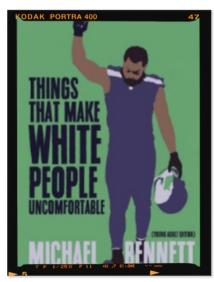
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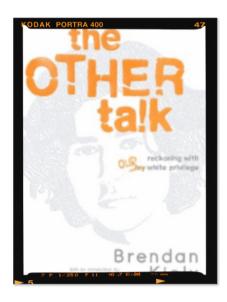




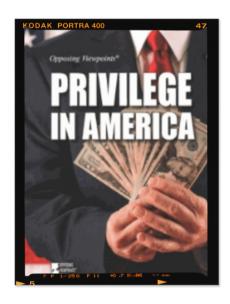


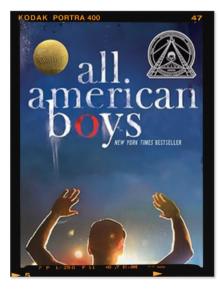


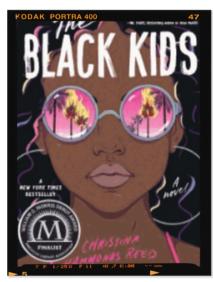
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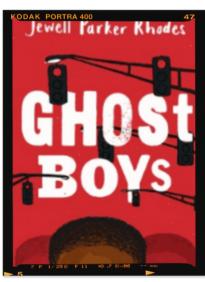




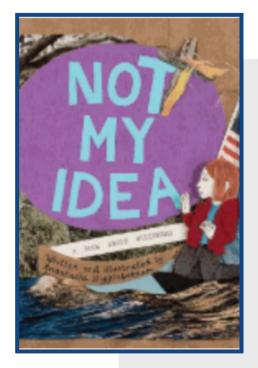






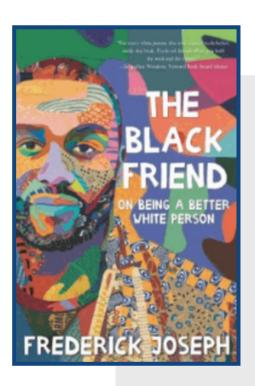






#### **NOT MY IDEA: A BOOK ABOUT WHITENESS**

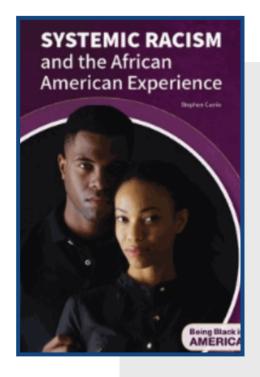
A young white child watches a news report of a white police officer shooting and killing a black man. The child's family refuses to answer the child's questions, so the child goes to the library to research racism in America and learns that racism is a white person's problem and about the evils of white supremacy.



#### THE BLACK FRIEND: ON BEING A BETTER WHITE PERSON

Chronicles the reflections of Frederick Joseph, award-winning marketing professional and writer, and other prominent African American artists, writers, and activists on their experiences with **racism** and white supremacy. **Discusses ways for white people to be anti-racist** through their behavior and knowledge. Includes a glossary.





#### SYSTEMIC RACISM

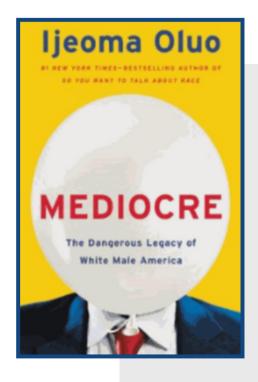
**Explores systemic racism** and race discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, employment, and policing in the United States. Includes color photographs and additional resources.



## WHITE BALANCE: HOW HOLLYWOOD SHAPED COLORBLIND IDEOLOGY AND UNDERMINED CIVIL RIGHTS

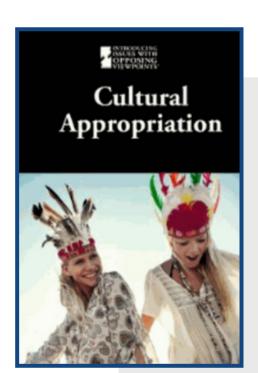
Examines the role Hollywood movies played in affirming late twentieth century **colorblind ideology**-a model appearing to support diversity, but which in practice suppresses it.





#### **MEDIOCRE**

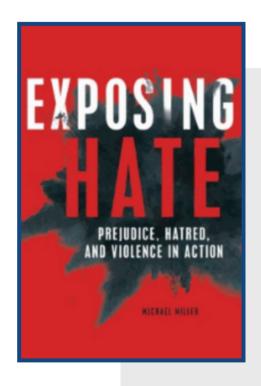
Examines the historical impact of white male privilege and supremacy in the United States. Discusses how white men have consistently erased and oppressed women and minorities throughout history.



#### **CULTURAL APPROPRIATION**

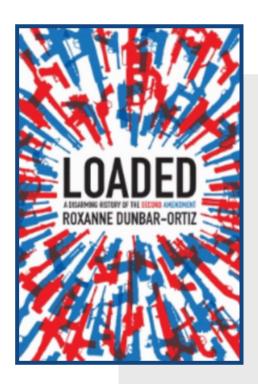
Presents a collection of fifteen opposing essays related to cultural appropriation. Discusses free speech, **white privilege**, censorship, and cultural sharing.





#### **EXPOSING HATE**

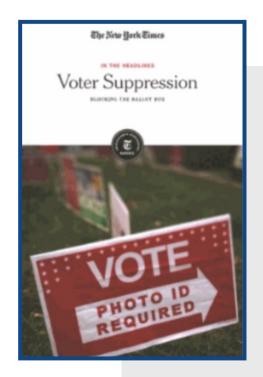
Profiles hate groups in America from the early religious intolerance in the seventeenth century through the modern **spike after the election of Donald Trump.** Discusses the motives behind various types of hate groups, be it anti-Semitism, **anti-immigration**, **or male supremacy**, and what's being done to counter them.



#### **LOADED**

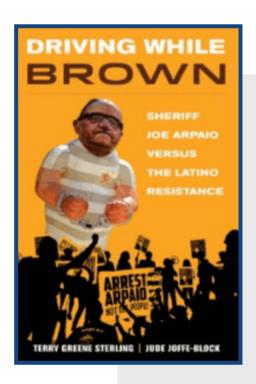
Examines the history of the Second Amendment, gun laws, and gun culture in America in the context of white nationalism, slavery, and imperialism.





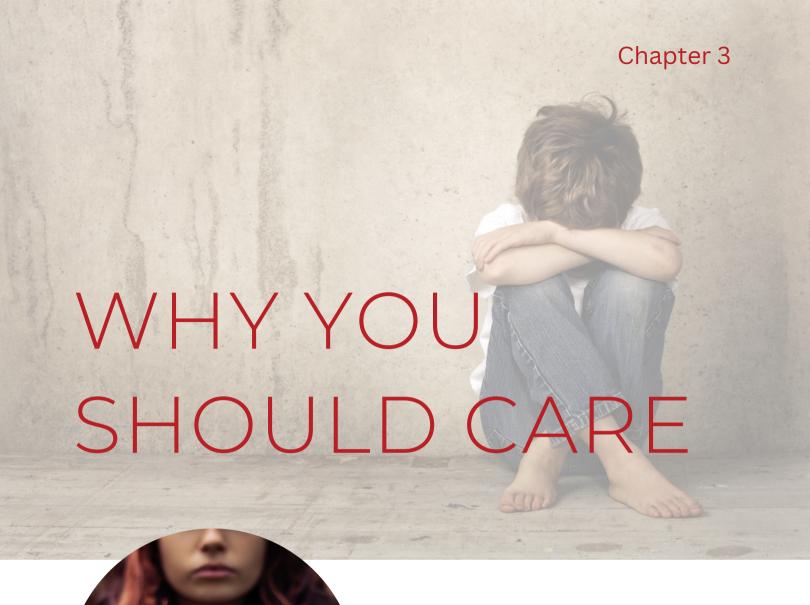
#### **VOTER SUPPRESSION**

Contains a collection of articles published in the "New York Times" by various authors **exploring voter suppression** and its causes, effects, and possible solutions.



#### DRIVING WHILE BROWN: SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO VS. THE LATINO RESISTANCE

Chronicles the anti-immigration enforcement policies in Maricopa County, Arizona, under Sheriff Joe Arpaio and the Latino activists who fought back against the institutionalized racism and racial profiling of these policies and turned Arizona into a battleground state during the 2020 election. Examines how aggressive immigration enforcement played a role in Arpaio's political evolution.





Exposing children to ideas that are too mature for their understanding can be harmful to their development. This section shares reports and new articles highlighting the negative impacts of early exposure, and names organizations funding the push to sexualize your children.

#### **HELPFUL RESOURCES**



#### **DANGERS OF PRONOUNS**

"Pronouns" enforcement is the ticket that puts a child on the runaway Transgender train. It is not "just manners" or "acceptance" as child mutilation advocates (CMA's) would like parents to believe. It is the entry point to the cult."

- Courage is a Habit

#### THE SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN

Who should decide when and how to discuss issues like sex and gender with young children? Just a decade ago, this was thought to be the sole purview of parents. But that is no longer the case. Why is this shift happening, and who's behind it? (5-minute video)

#### **GENDER THEORY TOOLKIT**

Gender and sexuality are being weaponized as political tools. A reoccurring message to kids is that parents may not accept them and may actually be a danger to their children. SUSD Board Member Libby Hart Wells said as much during a board meeting.

"Yet parents don't want children to be exposed to books and classroom materials that show explicit pictures of sexual activity or replace sexual biology in favor of the ambiguous concept of gender."

Read Across America
Day is an annual event
promoted by the
National Education
Association (NEA) to
celebrate the joy of
reading. Last year the
NEA joined with the
Human Rights
Campaign, the
nation's largest
LGBTQ lobby, to cosponsor the event.
- Family Research Council









# SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SEXUALIZATION OF CHILDREN AND LGBT INDOCTRINATION

nea.org/bullyfree

"Well-funded international pressure groups have been extraordinarily successful in pushing what they call "Comprehensive Sexuality Education" (CSE) into American public schools, an agenda-driven curriculum that sexualizes children. In CSE, youth sex is normalized, and the concept of "sexual rights" and radical sexual ideology for youth is advanced." <u>- Family Research Council</u>



Learn about
Scottsdale Unified
resources and procedures
that you can use to ensure
your children have access
to books that align with
your family values.

Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.



### ONE

#### REVIEW YOUR CHILD'S BOOK CHECKOUT HISTORY

To <u>review a list of books</u> your child has checked out from Scottsdale Unified libraries, follow the simple steps in this handy how-to guide.



#### RESTRICT BOOK ACCESS FOR YOUR CHILD

To restrict your child's access to specific books, "complete this Library Material form. Once received by the school library a note will be added to the student's destiny account which will appear as an alert upon check out. It is important to note that this does not restrict free access for other students."

### THREE

#### REVIEW NEW LIBRARY BOOK PURCHASES

Beginning in January 2023, Arizona law now requires schools to post a list of all new books purchased. Parents should receive an email notice alerting when new book posting will be published, and <u>the list</u> can be viewed online.



#### SEARCH + CHALLENAGE

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#### Elementary School Libraries

- Anasazi Elementary School
- Cherokee Elementary School
- Cochise Elementary School
- Hohokam Elementary School
- Hopi Elementary School □
- Kiva Elementary School
- Laguna Elementary School
- Navajo Elementary School
- Pima Elementary School
- Pueblo Elementary School
- Redfield Elementary School
- Seguova Elementary School
- Tavan Elementary School
- Yavapai Elementary School

#### SEARCH FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

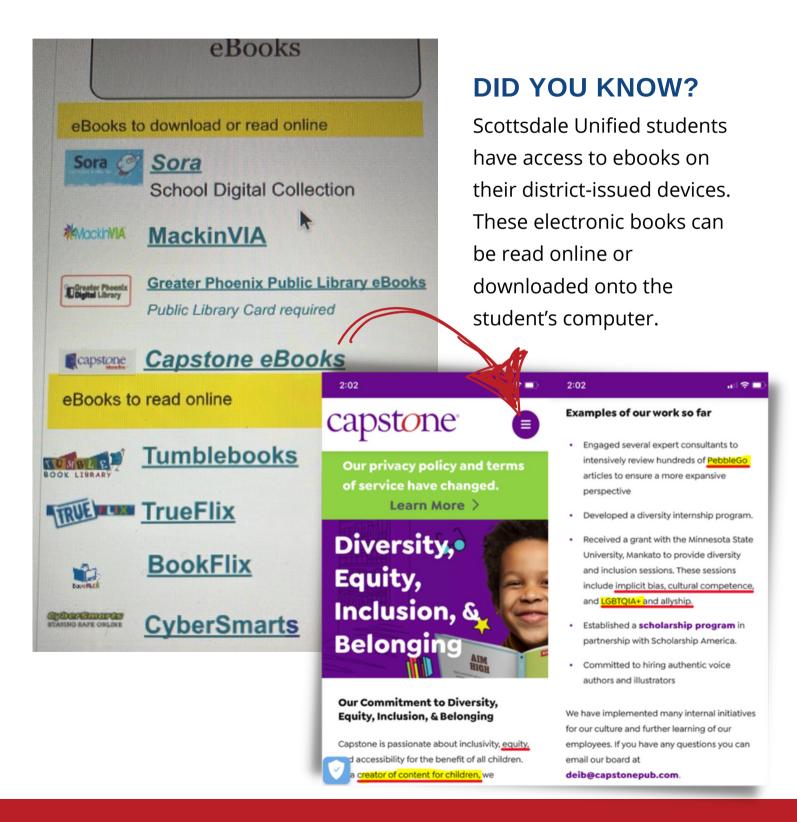
- Go to <u>follet.susd.org</u> to search the Scottsdale Unified libraries.
- Watch this <u>2-minute video</u> for tips on searching the database.
- Once you find the book you were searching for, click the "see all" link to discover which SUSD libraries have copies of the book.



#### **CHALLENGE LIBRARY BOOKS**

- If you feel a book is not age-appropriate, or violates
   Arizona law, challenge it.
- <u>Submit a request here</u>, and/or email the governing board at GovBRD@SUSD.org.
- Use book rating sites to discover books with adult content (see the next page.)

## BEWARE: DIGITAL BOOKS



#### **BOOK RATING SITES**

Use the following sites to research book content for age-appropriateness.



Book Looks developed the 1-5 book rating system. Their site offers hundreds of book reviews in alphabetical order.



Find slicksheets (1-page samples) and full book reports at <u>Rated Books</u>. This site allows you to filter books by ratings.



Take Back the Classroom is a project by The Kitchen Table Activist. Find reports on a growing number of books.

Follow <u>Scottsdale Unites for Educational Integrity</u> for information about books in SUSD libraries.

#### **ARIZONA LAWS**

#### **SEXUAL CONTENT & PROTECTING MINORS**

1

#### A.R.S. 15-711 - SEXUAL EDUCATION

School districts and charter schools <u>may not provide sex</u> <u>education instruction before grade five</u>. ...Before a parent provides written permission for the parent's child to participate in any sex education curricula, the school district or charter school shall make the sex education curricula available for the parent's review online and in person.

2

#### A.R.S. 13-3506 - DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS

It is unlawful for any person, with knowledge of the character of the item involved, to recklessly furnish, present, provide, make available, give, lend, show, advertise or distribute to minors any item that is harmful to minors.



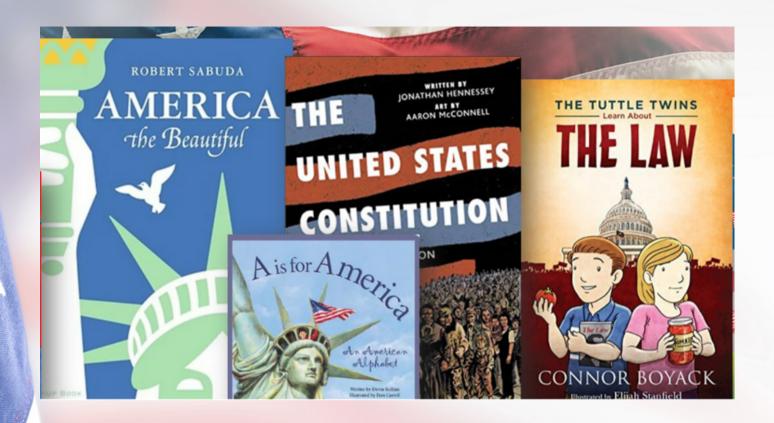
#### A.R.S. 13-3501 - DEFINITION OF HARMFUL

"Harmful to minors" means that quality of any description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual activity, sexual conduct, <u>sexual excitement</u>, or sadomasochistic abuse ....

#### The working definition of sexuality is:

"...a central aspect of being human throughout life encompasses sex, gender identities and roles, sexual orientation, eroticism, pleasure, intimacy and reproduction.

-THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



## HELP US FILL SUSD LIBRARIES WITH PATRIOTIC BOOKS

Scottsdale Unified parents have launched a program to send patriot books to Scottsdale Unified libraries! Learn more and make a donation today to support the

**American Pride Library**.



#### **THANK YOU!**



#### **LET'S STAY IN TOUCH**

For additional information about Scottsdale Unified School District and what parents should be aware of, please visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter. This is an easy way to keep up-to-date on curriculum discoveries, school events, governing board decisions and other important information about your child's education at SUSD.

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