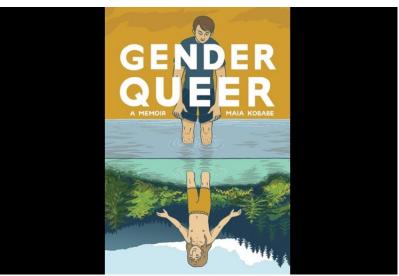
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## **Utah School District Yanks Grooming Books From Schools**

School officials are finally listening to angry parents who've grown tired of teachers and libraries peddling homosexual pornography to kids under the guise of "LGBTQ" education and learning about "diversity" and "inclusion."

In Utah, the Alpine School District recently pulled 52 books from libraries because parents complained about the graphic sex to which they expose children.

The grooming books are readily available in schools nationwide. Yet when parents have tried to read excerpts, school-board members stop them because the material is "inappropriate." Viral videos have shown parents repeatedly trying to read the books only to be told to shut up.



The district has pulled the books off shelves, a move applauded by <u>@UTParentsUnited</u>, while <u>@PENamerica</u> says removing the books before they are reviewed is a violation of policy and silences marginalized voices.<u>https://t.co/EyxVqsyQsW</u>

— The Salt Lake Tribune (@sltrib) <u>August 2, 2022</u>

#### "We Are Being Proactive"

The Alpine district is the state's largest with 84,000 students, the <u>Salt Lake Tribune reported</u> of the purge.

"As soon as next week, the district's board members hope to adopt a policy that will guide them in making decisions on whether to return those books or remove them permanently," the newspaper reported. "And after that, there are another 32 the district has flagged to also investigate further."

The school acted after an "internal audit prompted by parents' concerns" and the books will remain unavailable "until Alpine can conduct a 'review of content.'"

The books in question includes titles that feature explicit homosexual sodomy:

The list includes four often-challenged books: "Gender Queer," a graphic novel about the author's journey of self-identity that has some scenes of illustrated figures engaging in sexual conduct; "Lawn Boy," which is about a gay protagonist and features one scene about a sexual experience he had at a youth group meeting; "All Boys Aren't Blue," which includes an autobiographical passage detailing an older cousin molesting the author when he was a young boy; and "Out of Darkness" about the relationship between a young Mexican American girl and a Black teenage boy in 1930s Texas.

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The book list also includes a collection of poetry, "Milk and Honey," by Rupi Kaur and a nonfiction title, "Queer: The Ultimate LGBTQ Guide for Teens."

A school board in Texas <u>yanked *Out of Darkness*</u> last year.

The largest school district in Utah just pulled 52 books after parents complained that they contained pornography. Incredible <u>@alpineschools</u>. <u>https://t.co/uUaTfxNfdT</u>

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) <u>August 4, 2022</u>

Not surprisingly, pro-LGBTQ leftists are aghast:

"Students have a right to learn about the variety of human experiences and perspectives that these books provide," said Jonathan Friedman, director of free expression at PEN America, in a statement. The organization defends free expression across the country.

Parents don't share Friedman's view. And one of them, who represents Utah Parents United, filed a report with two law-enforcement agencies about the porn.

"Utah Parents United curriculum director Brooke Stephens also filed a police report with both Farmington Police Department and Davis County Sheriff's Office, according to copies provided to The Salt Lake Tribune, to report a list of 47 books in Davis School District," the <u>Tribune reported</u>:

She told police the sheriff's office that the books broke state law because they contained pornography.

That report notes: "She stated that she wanted to make a criminal complaint against the school district and have the issue investigated."

It would be awesome if the Alpine School Board's in-boxes were full of thank you emails! We need to encourage them to stay on this path, permanently remove these books, and get the right policy in place!!<u>https://t.co/JMBg9U7iJC</u>

— UtahParentsUnited (@UTParentsUnited) <u>August 3, 2022</u>

#### Shut Down

If nothing is wrong with the books, leftists such as Friedman can explain why parents aren't allowed to read excerpts at school-board meetings.

The Libs of TikTok Twitter feed has posted videos of parents trying to read the salacious material from *Gender Queer.* 

In May, a mom tried to read from the book at a meeting of the Adams 12 district outside Denver, Colorado.

"Sorry you're out of order. This is your first warning," the schools chairman said.

"Kindly refrain from further reading," the chairman continued when the mom said the book is available in the library.



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"This is grooming for pedophilia," the mom replied.

A parent in <u>@Adams12</u> school district attempts to read from the book "Gender Queer" and gets silenced by board members.

This graphic book containing pornography can't be read in front of adults yet is available for kids to read in schools across the country. <u>pic.twitter.com/3Zl66tfKkx</u>

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) May 10, 2022

The same thing occurred at a meeting of the Orange County, Florida, school board when a dad tried to read from the book. The chairman said the material "is inappropriate for this forum" and that she didn't know the book was in the library.

"That's the point!" an angry mother replied.

A parent at <u>@OCPSnews</u> reads from a graphic book available to kids in school libraries. A board member interrupts him saying "it's inappropriate" He then gets removed by security. <u>pic.twitter.com/actdBfg9ET</u>

– Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) October 28, 2021

As <u>The New American reported</u> last week, discussing sex with kids, then telling the kids to hide those discussions from parents, is a red-flag for classic grooming.

Teacher says she asks students for their pronouns and which pronouns she can use for parents. A kid can be trans or non-binary at school, and parents won't be notified <u>pic.twitter.com/bhZvWfZN97</u>

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) <u>August 2, 2022</u>

Last week, Libs of TikTok reported that the Richland Two school district in Columbia, South Carolina, tried to hide grooming material from parents:

@RichlandTwo doesn't want parents to know that they have the graphic book 'Flamer' in their school library, which contains sexually explicit content

.@RichlandTwo doesn't want parents to know that they have the graphic book 'Flamer' in their school library, which contains sexually explicit content. pic.twitter.com/saTWzJUflN

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) July 29, 2022





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