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Pornography in Children's Reading

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Much has been written about some of the book selections used in the Common Core Language Standards by others who are also concerned about *what* the children are being forced to read in government schools. Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* and *Dreaming in Cuban* by Cristina Garcia are often cited. It would be a good idea for you as pastors to read some of these articles and examples from these books or read the entire books for yourselves. Why? These two selections will show you what the youth in your churches *have been* and *are being* exposed to. These books *should* concern you. They should concern you because they are two books pulled from an ever growing group of *thousands* of books that have been shaping our children and adults for decades.

Many of these books are categorized as young adult literature, but some are actually written for even younger children. Bratty behavior is described as charming and adorable. Parents are clueless and have to be educated by their enlightened children. There is pre-marital sex with the opposite sex, the same sex, multiple partners, and adults including teachers. There are descriptions of pedophilia, sadomasochism, prostitution and rape. In addition, there is cutting, bulimia, anorexia, suicide, pornography, sex shops, occultism, new age teachings, violence, drug abuse and drag queens.

Examples: [These are **not** part of Common Core]

Bestiality: *All in their twenties, minus women, f—king cows, dreaming of rape; thrashing on pallets, rubbing their thighs and waiting for the new girl.....* *Beloved* by Tony Morrison, Vintage books, 2004 (First published in 1987), page 13 AR: UG: 6.0 [Accelerated Reader: Upper Grades(UG) : 6.0 sixth grade, zero month reading level]

Transgender: *....She's following the Harry Benjamin standards to the letter so she can have*

*her SRS next year." "The Benjamin standards.....the steps you have to go through before you can get your SRS." "Welcome to the Gender Identity Center," it said on top.....SRS: Sex Reassignment Surgery." "You mean a sex change operation?" His smile extended across his face. Her face. Luna's eyes grew dreamy. "Oh, Re. It's all I've ever wanted my whole life....." *Luna*, by Julie Anne Peters, Little, Brown and Co. 2004, page 70 AR: UG: 3.5*

Incest: *It stood up, stiff as a stalagmite. See how much Daddy loves you? Show me you love me, too. Touch it. He closed her hand around it. Identical* by Ellen Hopkins, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division, 2008, page 151 AR: UG: 3.8

Prostitution: This passage is from a book about five teenagers that end up living as prostitutes. At this point the two lesbian girls are 'performing' for men's parties. *The men we perform for like when we dance with each other, breast-to-breast or belly-to-ass, tan skin against pale, ebony hair on blue-streaked blond, fingers touching hidden places we won't let "clients" touch. Powerful! That's how I feel, seeing how helpless we make them. I so enjoy reducing them to masturbation. It's like they are masturbating for me, and I can control when they come by how I move my body, what I let them see. It's a game I win every time.* *Tricks*, by Ellen Hopkins, Simon & Schuster, 2009, page 384 AR: UG: 3.8

Bug Chasing: [people trying to get AIDS.]
..... "He's got HIV?"
..... "Yeah, he's positive, and with a little bit of luck, now I'm positive, too."
..... "I didn't think you'd understand! I love him, Jamie. I want to be with him. I don't want to worry about getting it."
..... "He'll accept me if I'm positive, too. He'll want to be with me. Look, we're gay. We're going to get it eventually, and it's not a big deal anymore, anyway. There are drugs for it now."

Changing Jamie by Dakota Chase, Prizm Books, 2007, page 79; Barnes & Noble lists this book for kids 8-12 years.

Rainbow Party: [A Rainbow Party is an oral sex party; the actual party never transpired in this book, but the kids were still sexually active.] *At last report, thirty-nine members of the sophomore class had gotten gonorrhea. Of that thirty-nine only two---or possibly three---were supposed to be at her party. Page 237 "How you feeling?" Perry asked. "Perfectly fine," Gin said. "The doctor said everything's running its course." "Me too," Hunter added. "A clean bill of health. I just have to avoid sex for a little while and then I can get right back on the horse...so to speak." Page 240*

Rainbow Party by Paul Ruditis, Simon Pulse, 2005 Barnes & Noble lists this one for age 14.

Bad Language: F word or its variations used two hundred seventy five times in a hundred eighty-three page book. Yes, other expletives were used as well. *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* by David Levithan and Rachel Cohn, Alfred Knopf, 2006 AR: UG: 5.6

The Bible says, *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?* Psalm 11:3

Children's books teach that God is a mythological being, that He didn't write the Bible, that He is a She, that Lucifer is His cousin and will eventually come "home", that everyone goes to Heaven, preachers are ignorant and hypocritical, Christians are hate-filled and bullies as well as ignorant and hypocritical, God didn't create the earth, the Bible isn't true, and God gave us thumbs so we could masturbate.

.....My head ached as I pondered so many things I had simply accepted: that the Bible is the inerrant word of God, that the church is always right, that homosexuality is a sin, that being gay is a choice.....But if the church and its interpretation of the Bible were wrong about homosexuality, then what else might they be saying that wasn't true? How could I trust anything they said? The God Box, by Alex

Sanchez, Simon Pulse, 2007, page 80 AR: UG: 5.2

God Wrote a Book

No, not that one. Everybody thinks He wrote that one, but He didn't.

God Went to Beauty School by Cynthia Rylant, HarperTempest, 2003, page 27

AR: Middle Grades, 3.8 reading level

Every spirit in the world is a child of God....So when someone like Isham dies, full of wrong deeds, many people think Isham will go to hell. But he doesn't. He goes home.

The Heavenly Village, by Cynthia Rylant, The Blue Sky Press (Scholastic), 1999, page 63

AR: Middle Grades: 5.4

She probably thought since I was gay, I was godless. Against religion. But I'm not. I have a god. I go to church. My god isn't her god. My god doesn't scorn or condemn me. My god is kind and benevolent and accepting. We made a sacred pact. I'd be the best person I could be and God would save me a place in heaven. My heaven. The real one...

grl2grl by Julie Anne Peters, Little, Brown and Co., 2007, page 77 AR: UG: 3.0

Pastors have warned against the debauchery on television and in the movies, but largely neglected the subject of books since they assumed they were neutral. There were so many 'reading' campaigns being advertised that we believed that *all* reading was good. We didn't even notice when high schoolers started reading books written on third to sixth grade reading levels. After all, we were convinced that reading alone--regardless of the content or level---was going to make our kids brilliant.

The youth of our churches are being led astray. We have to stop trying to win the world by acting like the world. These children are trying to navigate through a disturbing world of confusion that offers no hope. Trying to pattern the church youth groups after the world in order to bring lost kids in, will not change any of their lives for the better. Only Christ can do that. He alone can transform a life.

We need to teach our children the Word of God. It is our plumbline. Forty-five minutes of fun topped off with a warm-fuzzy story won't help. Many of these children already 'feel' that God didn't create the earth, that He is a she, that He is a magic genie in the sky, that although God doesn't exist, everyone goes to a happy place called heaven when they die, Christians are less intelligent than atheists, that the divinity is within them, and Christians are hypocrites. They've learned to repeat the mantra that "I'm not religious, but I'm spiritual."

Our children are being indoctrinated. The ones indoctrinating them are simply implementing the tools given to them by *their* father. There is a New World Order coming soon. Are the ones under your care going to fit right in? Or will they "come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." 2 Corinthians 6:17

And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
Ezekiel 44:23

This is our mission.