CITIZEN COMMENT ON LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees of ImagineIF Libraries has delegated the responsibility for Selection and evaluation of library resources to the Library Director and collection development team, and has established reconsideration procedures to address concerns about those resources. This form is the first procedure that must be completed. If you wish to request reconsideration of library resources, please return this completed form to:

Library Director
ImagineIF Libraries
247 First Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901

Name: Carmen Cuthbertson Date: 10-10-21

Address:

Phone:

Do you represent self? X Organization? ___ (please specify)__________________

1. Resource on which you are commenting:
Book X Video ____ Display____ Magazine ____ Library Program ____
Audio Recording ____ Newspaper ____
Electronic information/network ____ (please specify)
Other _______________________

Title: Gender Queer

Author/Producer: Magd Kebab

Location at which resource is held:
____ ImagineIF Kalispell
____ ImagineIF Columbia Falls
X ImagineIF Bigfork
____ ImagineIF Marion

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2. Are you familiar with the ImagineIF Library Collection Development Policy?

   *yes. I have read the policy.*

3. What is your objection to the resource? (Please be specific and list pages and/or sections as applicable.)

   *lack of context or critical treatment of the following, which is presented as common-place, harmless or even admirable and positive, without any mention of side effects and legal, medical or psychological ramifications.*

   *see additional page!*

4. Have you read, watched or heard the material in its entirety? If not, what sections did you review?

   *yes.*

5. What do you feel might be the result of reading, viewing, or listening to this resource? (Use additional pages if necessary.)

   *confusion, fear, possibly anger at the outside world.*
   *narcissistic satisfaction*
   *Distortion of what is healthy sexuality*
   *Mainstreaming of fringe experiences and behavior*

6. Is there anything good about this particular resource?

   *No. This is a poorly written memoir without any story or character arc, a confused collection of unhappy memories, neither set along a timeline, nor grounded around a group of people, reflecting only the sad state of...*
mind of a troubled individual who has not found self-acceptance. The author continues to fruitlessly search for meaning in superficial things like clothing (pages 122, 131, 225-228) and how others address him (171 to 173, 185 to 190, 204 to 210).

The book offers no help to someone similarly troubled and doesn’t even hint at any kind of solution, acceptance or peace.

I’m saddened that this person received no help from parents, the medical profession, good friends, or a psychologist to gain understanding and self-acceptance.

I understand that expressing this struggle in cartoon form is cathartic for the author, but there is nothing to be gained by exposing young readers to these nightmarish memories.
7. Have you read any reviews of this resource?

Yes. A review by the American Library Association categorizes the book as appropriate for grades 9 and up. Makes me question whether the reviewer actually read the book...

8. Are there other resources that you suggest to provide additional information or viewpoints on this topic?

Don't know. Are there books about gender confused people who have resolved their problems and manage to lead happy and fulfilled lives?

9. What action do you suggest be taken with this resource?

Remove this book from our library, please. Review the selection process that lead to the purchase of this book. Adjust Policy 5000 to prevent such a selection in the future.

For a different treatment, see "Irreversible Damage".

And if you can't find a good book that deals with gender identity in an appropriate fashion, then don't buy any book! A book that scares 13-year-old girls away from getting a pap smear, a potentially life-saving cancer screening measure, is definitely not a good choice! (see 126 to 131, and 218 to 221)

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tasting one's vaginal secretions (163), gay porn (117), pedophilia (135), pubic hair sharing (164/165), sexting (166), porn involving a dildo and oral sex (167), testosterone therapy (174), puberty blockers (185), breast binding (211), top surgery (213), a pap smear resulting in a bloody speculum (221).