

Crank
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Summary

The book is loosely based on the author's daughter's struggle with crystal meth. Kristina goes to visit her biological father in an attempt to create a new identity for herself. She is an honor roll student, but after moving in with her biological father, she is left alone for much of the time. She meets Adam, and he tries to get her to try a methamphetamine called "crank." She flees the temptation at first but must be saved by Adam. Lince, Adam's girlfriend, is jealous and attempts suicide. When she eventually returns home, she finds her mother addicted to "crank."

Availability

Available to students in South Carolina high school libraries.

Excerpts

p. 113-114*: Yo, I think this bitch has been crankin'. That was license enough. Bodies bumped, pushed me into a doorway, blocked. Ever done a three-fer? Hands covered my mouth, rough, held my arms, strong tore my clothes, vicious. Fear danced up my spine, jolted my brain, dripped onto the ground. No! I screamed into dirty flesh. Not this way! Buttons burst, zippers opened, I closed my eyes, braced for pain.

pp.264ff*: You really wanna piss her off, try a piercing. Want to see mine? I couldn't find studs in his ears, lips, or tongue, which pretty much left one place. "Didn't it hurt?" Like a mother. But it feels awesome now. He guided my hand south of his zipper. ...

pp341ff*: It started with a kiss crank-revved, pistons firing full bore, passion firecracked in tiny bursts from thigh to belly button. Oh, baby. I want you so bad! "B-b-bad to the bone?" We laughed, but it wasn't alright. Not for long. My shirt tore open. "Wait." I've waited for weeks. Put up and shut up. Kissed segued to bites. Bruises. Pain rippled through my body. "Brendan, please stop." No. You promised, You damn little tease. Off came my shorts. Down went his zipper. I realized I was in serious trouble. "I'll scream." Go ahead. No one can hear but skunks and coyotes. Still, as I opened my mouth, his hand slapped down on it. Those sublime muscles hardened. Just relax. You'll love it. My brand-new Victoria's Secrets shredded, and I felt the worst of Brendan pause, savoring my terror. They all love it.

Staff Recommendation

Remove. The excerpts included are not "age and developmentally appropriate" due to descriptions of "sexual conduct," as outlined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-15-305 (C)(1)(a).

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