

**Request for Reconsideration**  
**Reconsideration Committee Individual Reports**

Title: *This is why they hate us* by Aaron H, Aceves

Date added: 1/6/2023

Number of copies in the collection (include all formats): 1

Number of circulations: 4

Has the title been positively reviewed by professional journals? Yes

- Publisher's Weekly, starred review
- Booklist, starred review
- Kirkus Reviews - starred review

Has the title received any honors or awards?

- Cybils Awards Finalist
- ALA Rainbow List Selection

Did you read/view/listen to the title entirely? Yes

Does the title fit the guidelines of the Library's Collection Development Policy? Please provide justification for your answer.

Yes the title *This is Why They Hate Us* fits the guidelines of the library's collection development policy. As per the collection development policy, "The Library's selectors choose materials for a wide range of interests using industry reviews and statistics". The title has been positively reviewed by multiple different professional journals including Kirkus Review, Booklist and publishers weekly. The collection development policy also states that "Books and materials are selected according to intrinsic merit, subject treatment, community interest, and contribution to a balanced collection in the Library". In order to have a balanced collection subjects and interests of all community members need to be included such as the ones represented in this title.

Member Recommendation and Comments:

This member recommends retaining the title and keeping it in its current placement within young adult fiction collection. Removing the title would be in violation of the library of bill of rights which the library board endorses as per our collection policy. "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." In addition as per the Library Bill of Rights and the interpretation in regards to the access of library service by minors, "Libraries and their governing bodies cannot assume the role of parents or the functions of parental authority in the private relationship between parent and child. Libraries and their governing bodies shall ensure that only parents and guardians have the right and the responsibility to determine their children's—and only their children's—access to library resources." This books audience is for ages ranged 14-18 which is why it is appropriately placed in the young adult section which is a separate space from the books geared toward much younger audiences. While this book does contain content that may be unsuitable for some within this age range it is the

responsibility of the parent and or guardian to ascertain to whether the title is appropriate for their young adult.

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This work balances the collection by providing a variety of experiences and perspectives from different characters, along with the various ways the characters cope with the situations.

Member Recommendation and Comments:

The current location of the book is appropriate. The overall story is good and well written with honest situations that many persons might or have encountered.

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Has the title been positively reviewed by professional journals? Yes. It received starred reviews from Booklist, Kirkus, and Publishers Weekly. It also received a positive review in Bookpage.

Has the title received any honors or awards? Yes. This title was a finalist for a CYBLIS Award, which is an award program for children's and young adult literature.

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Yes. This title features diverse characters and a character dealing with mental health issues. The Collection Development policy states, "Flexibility and open-mindedness are exercised during the evaluation process. Materials are selected to present an array of opinions on a subject and are judged as a whole rather than on isolated passages."

Member Recommendation and Comments:

Recommend retaining the title in its current location. According to the publisher, the recommended age group for this title is 14 – 18. The Collection Development Policy incorporates the ALA Library Bill of Rights which states, "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." The Collection Development Policy also incorporates ALA's Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights which states, "Libraries and their governing bodies shall ensure that only parents and guardians have the right and responsibility to determine their children's – and only their children's – access to library resources. Parents and

guardians who do not want their children to have access to specific library services, materials, or facilities should so advise their own children.” While some of the content may not be suitable for every person age 14 – 18, it is the parent’s responsibility to make that decision.