

**BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONSIDERATION COMMITTEE CHECKLIST**

Committee Number: 5 Date 12/1/22

Name of Novel The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

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EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	Check all that apply
The novel supports the BCSD's mission, vision, and goals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel directly supports the acquisition of related standards. (Educational Significance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel contributes to improved academic achievement for a variety of learners and learning styles.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel promotes the integration of higher-level thinking skills.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel reflects the needs/interests of the school and the culture of the school community.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel/material adds value to the library/school collection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel reflects a clear, adequate, and broad presentation of the content.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:  <i>Point of View</i>	



AVOIDANCE OF PERVASIVE VULGARITY	Check all that apply
When considered as a whole, the novel does not appeal to sexual interest in a shameful way.	✓
The novel does not depict or describe sexual conduct in a clearly offensive way.	✓
The novel abides by prevailing standards in the adult community in regard to suitable material for minors.	✓
The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity. <i>pg 12 The rape</i>	✓
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <i>pg 12-14 General Description</i> <i>- 116-117 - Ruth's Gay Thoughts</i>	

APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the content area.		✓	✓
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.		✓	✓
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS:			



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The novel contributes to improved academic achievement for a variety of learners and learning styles.	✓
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The novel reflects the needs/interests of the school and the culture of the school community.	✓
The novel/material adds value to the library/school collection	✓
The novel reflects a clear, adequate, and broad presentation of the content.	✓

Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

*interesting teaching/learning pts of view  
themes - death, loss  
relevant to our times  
vocabulary accessible to middle school level*



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The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.	✓
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <i>There is no "pervasive vulgarity"</i> <i>pg 12-14 —</i>	

APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the content area.		✓	✓
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.		✓	✓
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: <i>all of it</i>			



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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

*Interesting points of teaching  
texts that grab the students interests  
relevant to our times*



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The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.	✓
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <i>There didn't seem to me much vulgarity in this book.</i>	

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The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.			✓
The novel is appropriate to the content area.			✓
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.			✓
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: <i>I believe that this novel would be good for High School students, but 6-8 is ify. May be parents could read along with 6-8 and discuss it together.</i>			



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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: <u>complex themes</u>	



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Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY:	
<p>NONE</p> <p>free of vulgarity general description</p>	

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The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS:			
<p>teen &amp; young adult &amp; their relatable modern times contemporary middle &amp; high ELA Standards</p>			



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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

8th grade Standard 11: Analyze and provide evidence of how the authors choice of point of view, perspective, and purpose shape content....  
Standard 6, 7 - Themes, ideas, topics  
Standard 13 - Read independently



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Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: pg 12, 13, 14 makes inferences, gives general, partial descriptions mentions breasts and other terms in various parts of the book	

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Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: Give a point of view of a victim from heaven as they grapple with their death (pages 1-12, 325)			



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Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <p>7 instances of obscenities.</p>	

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