

A single mother's review of CHOICES

Being a single mother is not for the faint-hearted. That is particularly true when your child reaches adolescence and you 'suspect' or 'have reason to believe' that sexual activity might be going on. It's even scarier when you live in New Mexico, the state with the unenviable statistic of the highest teen birth rate in the nation. That is why the book "Choices" was such a welcomed discussion tool in our home.

Read by my son and his girlfriend, the book provided us with believable characters and a story that resonated with us and allowed us to discuss this important issue without cracking the privacy barriers that my son has so carefully constructed.

We need to have the national discussion with our youth regarding the issues presented in Kate Buckley's book (instead of, say, relying on "abstinence only" programs?).

I recommend you begin this important discussion in your town by ensuring that "Choices" is available in the public libraries, the middle schools and the high schools.

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