



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops-Thompson)

SD73 Resource Review



Title	Two Degrees
Author / Editor / Publisher	Alan Gratz / Scholastic Press
Copyright	2022
ISBN	9781338735673
Recommended Grades	7-9

GENRE / THEME Indicate with an X all that apply.							
X	Adventure		Fantasy		LGBTQ / SOGI	X	Realistic Fiction
	Anthology		Graphic Novel		Multiculturalism		Science Fiction
	Auto / Biography		Historical	X	Mystery / Suspense	X	Survival
	Coming of Age		Humour / Satire		Narrative Poem		Other
	Dystopia		Indigenous		Nonfiction		

DESCRIPTION
<p>Four different kids. Three different threats. Two degrees of temperature rise. One single cause: Climate change. <i>Two Degrees</i> offers a powerful message about the dangers of climate change told through the stories of four young teens. Akira Kristiansen is on horseback, riding with her father in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range, when they're trapped by a raging wildfire. When a Category 5 hurricane hits Miami, Natalie Torres is swept away by a huge wall of water. In Canada, George Gruyère and Owen Mackenzie are attacked by polar bears whose habitat is being threatened by melting ice. No matter what comes next - being trapped by yet another fire, struggling against what seems to be never-ending storm surges, or failing to outrun the polar bear that's stalking them - they never give up hope and use teamwork and survival skills most never knew they had to save themselves.</p>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

BC CURRICULUM FIT Indicate with an X all that apply.			
	Applied Design, Skills, and Technology		Languages (Core French, German, Japanese, Spanish, etc.)
	Arts Education		Mathematics
X	Career Education	X	Physical and Health Education
X	English Language Arts	X	Science
	French Immersion Language Arts	X	Social Studies

CORE COMPETENCY FIT Indicate with an X all that apply.			
X	Communicating	X	Positive Personal and Cultural Identity
X	Collaborating	X	Personal Awareness and Responsibility
X	Creative Thinking	X	Social Awareness and Responsibility
X	Critical and Reflective Thinking		

GENERAL CONTENT To what extent does each apply? Indicate with E, M, S, or N. <u>E</u> xtensively <u>M</u> oderately <u>S</u> lightly <u>N</u> ot at all	
E	Is the content engaging, accurate, and current?
E	Does the text represent different perspectives? (e.g. male, female, LGBTQ, Aboriginal, diverse cultures, BC-context)
E	Does it show insight into the complexity of being human?
E	Does it broaden students' experiences and understandings?
E	Is the content appropriate for the emotional maturity of most students at the intended grade level?
E	Could most students at the intended grade level read this text with high accuracy and understanding?
E	Is the text well-suited to a teacher read aloud?
E	Is the text well-suited to whole-class study?
E	Is the text well-suited to literature circles?
E	Is the text well-suited to independent reading?

DESIGN To what extent does each apply? Indicate with E, M, S, N, or NA. <u>E</u> xtensively <u>M</u> oderately <u>S</u> lightly <u>N</u> ot at all <u>NA</u> pplicable	
E	Is the use of font, text size effective and uniform?
NA	Do the illustrations and/or text features enhance learning?
NA	Are extraneous elements helpful? (e.g. preface, footnotes, glossary, extension activities)

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
Indicate if the treatment of the consideration is A, U, or NA. <u>A</u> cceptable <u>U</u> nacceptable <u>N</u> ot <u>A</u> pplicable		Comments/ Reasons/ References
A	Age	The young teens are in frightening, life-threatening situations without adults present. They encounter dead bodies in flood waters, a burnt vehicle, polar bear attacks, and raging wildfires.
A	Gender Roles	
A	Aboriginal Peoples	George (one of the five main characters) is Mushkegowuk, an Indigenous peoples living in Canada's northern tundra.
A	Multiculturalism	There is extensive representation of various cultures. Akira is mixed race (Norwegian American and Japanese American). Owen Mackenzie is white and George Gruyère is Mushkegowuk, an Indigenous peoples from Canada's northern tundra. Natalie Torres is Puerto Rican American. Other characters are also of a variety of races and cultures.
A	Gender Identity / Sexual Orientation	
NA	Ability / Disability	
A	Belief System	This novel has a strong message about climate change and leans heavily towards environmentalism.
A	Social-Economic	
A	Violence	<i>Two Degrees</i> has a frightening storyline, and the teen characters and those they love often come close to dying as they're trapped in wildfires, swept away by flood waters, and attacked by polar bears. Armed vigilantes looking to shoot looters are spotted in Natalie's neighborhood.
A	Ethical / Legal	
A	Humour	
A	Safety	Teen characters often come close to dying and they encounter people burned to death in their cars and dead bodies floating in flood waters. Owen and George's attacks by polar bears are briefly described - a face and parka covered in blood and a bear biting down on a boy's leg.
A	Language	The word "crap" is used once.
A	Sustainability	

REVIEW COMPLETED

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