OLENTANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM

LOCATION

Building(s): OBHS

Classes/Grade Level(s): English 9-12

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: *After the Shot Drops* by Randy Ribay

Genre: contemporary YA fiction

Lexile Reading Level:

Total number of pages: 325

Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list or link to a book summary)	**Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)**
From the publisher: A powerful novel about friendship, basketball, and one teen's mission to create a better life for his family in the tradition of Jason Reynolds, Matt de la Pena, and Walter Dean Myers. Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. While Bunny tries to fit in with his new, privileged peers, Nasir spends more time with his cousin, Wallace, who is being evicted. Nasir can't help but wonder why the neighborhood is falling over itself to help Bunny when *Wallace* is in trouble. When Wallace makes a bet against Bunny, Nasir is faced with an impossible decision—maybe a dangerous one. Told from alternating perspectives, *After the Shot Drops* is a heart-pounding story about the responsibilities of great talent and the importance of compassion.	**Violence and firearms: gun use and shooting near the end of the book ("Wallace takes a step forward and raises the gun so it's aimed at my head" 303).** **Substance Use: depictions of alcohol and marijuana use at parties ("Most look like they're college age, and most have a drink in one hand and a cigarette or blunt in the other" 117).** **Profanity: strong language throughout "I'm pissed at Nasir for backstabbing me" (201)** **Kissing: ("She sneaks me a quick kiss" 112).**
Book Reviews (1-2 link(s)) *Note: teacher is not responsible for broken links* School Library Journal:	

https://www.slj.com/story/book-review-after-the-shot-drops-by-randy-ribay
Kirkus Review: https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/randy-ribay/after-the-shot-drops/

ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (in addition to standards): (To be completed by the teacher or team)
This book will be used at OBHS as part of a choice book for small lit groups on a study of sport in America. We will study literature with sports involved in the plot, as well as nonfiction compositions looking at the role of sports in modern issues (safety, racism, equality, amateurism, the US economy, Title IX/gender-equity concerns, etc.).

The Ohio Department of Education ELA Standards Link to Ohio's ELA Standards

1. Textual analysis and perspective (RL 9-10.4 and RL 9-10.6)
2. Textual evidence and analysis (RL 9-10.1)
3. Comprehension and text complexity (RL 9-10.10)

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives? (1-2 texts, title/author; Note: these texts must also have lit. reviews forms associated with their selection)
1. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer
2. *The Running Dream* by Wendelin van Draanen

SIGNATURES (embedded jpegs of authentic signatures are fine OR download/print form and obtain traditional signatures)

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