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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 01, 2021 9:22 AM EST  
**To:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** Controversial title request

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Thanks,  
Erin

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REC001

**From:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 01, 2021 10:35 AM EST  
**To:** Mary Danko <mdanko@burlingtonvt.gov>; Emer P. Feeney <efeeney@burlingtonvt.gov>; Michelle Lee <mmlee@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Controversial title request

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REC002

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**To:** Erin Murphy <emurphy@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Controversial title request

Thanks for the heads up, I've shared this with Mary, Emer, and Michelle.

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**To:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>; Emer P. Feeney <efeeney@burlingtonvt.gov>; Michelle Lee <mmlee@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Controversial title request

We will need to talk about this in person. Thanks.

**Mary Danko (she/her/hers)**

Director



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**From:** Erin Murphy <emurphy@burlingtonvt.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 9:45 AM EDT

**To:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>; Mary Danko <mdanko@burlingtonvt.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: Request a book, audiobook, dvd or magazine

FYI...this book is not self-published and has professional reviews, unlike the last request this patron made.

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**From:** Mary Danko <mdanko@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 11:06 AM EDT  
**To:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Title request

I think this is fine given the NYT review and the Kirkus review. Thanks for checking!

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**From:** Melissa Hutson <mhutson@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:47 AM  
**To:** Mary Danko <mdanko@burlingtonvt.gov>  
**Subject:** Title request

Hi Mary,

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Here are some reviews:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/07/books/review/trans-helen-joyce.html>

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/9780861540495>

From the May 1 issue, Barbara or Emer might have the print copy <https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/helen-joyce/trans-ideology-meets-reality/>

-Melissa

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