




2018 BANNED & CHALLENGED BOOKS

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) receives reports from libraries, schools, and the media on attempts to ban books in communities across the country. We compile lists of challenged books in order to inform the public about censorship efforts that affect libraries and schools.

OIF tracked 347 challenges to library, school and university materials and services in 2018. This is a complete list of book titles that were banned, challenged, restricted or burned during the year.

Title	Author
<i>The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins</i>	Dr. Seuss
<i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i>	Stephen Covey
<i>A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo</i>	Jill Twiss 
<i>A Look at the Second Amendment: To Keep and Bear Arms</i>	Doreen Gonzales
<i>A Separate Peace</i>	John Knowles 
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Sherman Alexie 
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Mark Twain 
<i>Adventures of Tintin (series)</i>	Hergé
<i>All American Boys</i>	Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely 
<i>All the Ugly and Wonderful Things</i>	Bryn Greenwood
<i>Amazing You! Getting Smart About Your Private Parts</i>	Gail Saltz
<i>Amulet (series)</i>	Kazu Kibuishi
<i>An Interview with Harry the Tarantula</i>	Leigh Ann Tyson
<i>And Tango Makes Three</i>	Peter Parnell & Justin Richardson
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie
<i>Angels, Demons, and Religious Rituals</i>	Audrey Alexander
<i>The Antifa Comic Book: 100 Years of Fascism and Antifa Movements Around the World</i>	Gord Hill
<i>The Art of Being Normal</i>	Lisa Williamson
<i>Assassination Classroom (series)</i>	Yūsei Matsui
<i>Astro Boy Omnibus (series)</i>	Osamu Tezuka
<i>At the Southern Table with Paula Deen</i>	Paula Deen
<i>Audrey, Wait!</i>	Robin Benway
<i>Baby to Big</i>	Rajiv Fernandez
<i>The Backstagers (series)</i>	James Tynion
<i>Bad Kitty (series)</i>	Nick Bruel
<i>The Beach at Night</i>	Elena Ferrante
<i>Beartown</i>	Fredrik Backman 
<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i>	Tim Federle


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<i>Bingo Love</i>	Tee Franklin
<i>Black River</i>	Josh Simmons
<i>Blue Monday</i> (series)	Chynna Clugston-Flores
<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Toni Morrison
<i>Bone</i> (series)	Jeff Smith
<i>The Butterfly</i>	Patricia Polacco
<i>Canterbury Tales</i>	Geoffrey Chaucer
<i>Captain Underpants</i> (series)	Dav Pilkey
<i>The Cay</i>	Theodore Taylor
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>Chiggers</i>	Hope Larson
<i>Christmas in the Big House</i>	Patricia C. McKissack & Frederick McKissack
<i>Christmas in the Quarters</i>	Patricia C. McKissack & Frederick McKissack
<i>City of Thieves</i>	David Benioff 
<i>Counterknowledge: How We Surrender to Conspiracy Theories, Quack Medicine, Bogus Science, and Fake History</i>	Damian Thompson
<i>Crossplay</i>	Niki Smith
<i>Curious George Takes a Job</i>	H.A. Rey
<i>The Darker Side</i>	Cody McFadyen
<i>The Devil You Know</i>	Trish Doller
<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Anne Frank
<i>Do You Wonder about Sex and Sexuality?</i>	Stephen Feinstein
<i>The Dollhouse Murders</i>	Betty Ren Wright
<i>Don't Call Us Dead</i>	Danez Smith
Drama	Raina Telgemeier 
<i>Draw Manga Villains</i>	Genkosha
<i>Dreamland</i>	Sarah Dessen
<i>Dying for the Truth: Undercover inside the Mexican Drug War</i>	unknown
<i>The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things</i>	Carolyn Mackler
<i>Facts Speak for Themselves</i>	Brock Cole 
<i>FairyTail</i> (series)	Hiro Mashima
<i>The False Faces of the Iroquois</i>	William Fenton
<i>Families, Families, Families!</i>	Suzanne Lang 


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<i>Family Man</i>	Heidi Cullinan & Marie Sexton
<i>Far from Fair</i>	Elana Arnold
<i>Fear: Trump in the White House</i>	Bob Woodward
<i>Felix Yz</i>	Lisa Bunker
<i>Feminist Baby</i>	Loryn Brantz
<i>Fire Song</i>	Adam Garnet Jones
<i>The Flower Girl Wore Celery</i>	Meryl Gordon
<i>Forever</i>	Judy Blume 
<i>Full Service: My Adventures in Hollywood and the Secret Sex Lives of the Stars</i>	Scotty Bowers
<i>Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic</i>	Alison Bechdel 
<i>Garden of the Flesh</i>	Gilbert Hernandez
George	Alex Gino
<i>Get Out Now: Why You Should Pull Your Child from Public School Before It's Too Late</i>	Mary Rice Hasson & Theresa Farnan
<i>Ghost Boys</i>	Jewell Parker Rhodes
<i>Ghosts in Amityville: The Haunted House</i>	Jack DeMolay
<i>The Girl in Red</i>	Aaron Frisch
<i>The Giver</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Jeannette Walls
<i>Go Ask Alice</i>	Anonymous
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	P. Craig Russell
<i>The Gulps</i>	Rosemary Wells
<i>Gun: A Visual History</i>	Chris McNabb
<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Margaret Atwood
<i>Happy Families</i>	Tanita Davis
<i>Harriet Gets Carried Away</i>	Jessie Sima
The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas
<i>Her Body and Other Parties</i>	Carmen Maria Machado
<i>Holy Quran</i>	
<i>Holy Terror</i>	Frank Miller 
<i>How to Get a Girlfriend</i>	Scholastic
<i>I Am Jazz</i>	Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings 
<i>Ian's Walk: A Story about Autism</i>	Laurie Lears
<i>If a Bus Could Talk</i>	Faith Ringgold


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<i>In Full Color: Finding My Place in a Black and White World</i>	Rachel Doležal
<i>In Our Mothers' House</i>	Patricia Polacco
<i>I've Got My Period. So What?</i>	Clara Henry
<i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World</i>	Ashley Herring Blake
<i>Jasper & Joop</i>	Olivier Dunrea
<i>Katerina</i>	James Frey
<i>Kindred</i>	Damian Duffy
<i>The Kingdom of Little Wounds</i>	Susann Cokal
<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini
<i>The Librarian of Auschwitz</i>	Antonio Iturbe
<i>Lily and Dunkin</i>	Donna Gephart 
<i>Little Bill</i> (series)	Bill Cosby
<i>The Littlest Zombie's Story</i>	Rusty Fischer
<i>Long Way Down</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>Looking for Alaska</i>	John Green 
<i>Love is Love</i>	Marc Andreyko
<i>Madeline and the Gypsies</i>	Ludwig Bemelmans
<i>The Magic Tree House</i> (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>Making Out in Japanese</i>	Todd & Erika Geers
<i>Mary Had a Little Lamb</i>	Jonas Sickler
<i>Mockingbird</i>	Kathryn Erskine
<i>Monster</i>	Walter Dean Myers 
<i>Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress</i>	Christine Baldacchino 
<i>Moxie</i>	Jennifer Mathieu
<i>Ms. Marvel</i> (series)	G. Willow Wilson & Adrian Alphona
<i>My Neighbor Totoro</i> (series)	Hayao Miyazaki
<i>Negima!</i> (series)	Ken Akamatsu
<i>The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness</i>	Michelle Alexander
<i>Night</i>	Elie Wiesel 
<i>Nothing Bad is Going to Happen</i>	Kathleen Hale 
<i>Nothing Rhymes with Orange</i>	Adam Rex
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck
<i>The Official High Times Cannabis Cookbook</i>	Elise McDonough
<i>One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies</i>	Sonya Sones
<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	Stephen Chbosky 


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<i>P.J. Funnybunny's Bag of Tricks</i>	Marilyn Sadler
<i>P.S. I Miss You</i>	Jen Petro-Roy
<i>Pen 33</i>	Anders Roslund & Borge Hellstrom
<i>Persepolis</i>	Marjane Satrapi
<i>Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag</i>	Rob Sanders
<i>Queen Anne's Lace</i>	Susan Wittig Albert
<i>Relish: My Life in the Kitchen</i>	Lucy Knisley
<i>Replacing Darwin</i>	Nathaniel Jeanson
<i>Roller Girl</i>	Victoria Jamieson
<i>Rosario+Vampire (series)</i>	Akihisa Ikeda
<i>Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story</i>	Ruby Bridges
<i>Ruined</i>	Amy Tintera
<i>The Savage</i>	David Almond
<i>Scythe</i>	Neal Shusterman
<i>Searching for the Wendigo</i>	Jennifer Rivkin
<i>Sewing the Rainbow: A Story about Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag</i>	Gayle E. Pitman
<i>Sex is a Funny Word</i>	Cory Silverberg
<i>Sex Plus: Learning, Loving, and Enjoying Your Body</i>	Laci Green
<i>Sickened</i>	Julia Gregory
<i>Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda</i>	Becky Albertalli
<i>Skippyjon Jones (series)</i>	Judith Schachner
<i>Smile</i>	Raina Telgemeier
<i>Sock Monkey Rides Again</i>	Cece Bell
<i>Sombra</i>	Ruven Afanador
<i>Speak</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>Splatoon (series)</i>	Sankichi Hinodeya 
<i>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</i>	David Barclay Moore
<i>Stick</i>	Andrew Smith 
<i>The Story of Mankind</i>	Hendrik Willem Van Loon
<i>Sunny Side Up</i>	Jennifer Holm
<i>Syndrome</i>	Blake Leibel
<i>The Things They Carried</i>	Tim O'Brien 
<i>Things That Make White People Uncomfortable</i>	Michael Bennett
<i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i>	Jay Asher


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<i>This Day in June</i>	Gayle E. Pitman 
<i>This One Summer</i>	Jillian Tamaki & Mariko Tamaki
<i>Thor: The Trial of Thor</i>	Alan Davis
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee 
<i>Tomboy</i>	Liz Prince
<i>Transgender Child</i>	Stephanie Brill
<i>Transgender Teen</i>	Stephanie Brill
<i>Travels of Babar</i>	Jean de Brunhoff
<i>The Trial of Colonel Sweeto and other stories</i>	Nicholas Gurewitch
<i>The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig</i>	Steve Jenkins, Derek Walter, & Caprice Crane 
<i>TTYL (Talk to you later)</i>	Lauren Myracle
<i>Two Boys Kissing</i>	David Levithan 
<i>The Umbrella Man and Other Stories</i>	Roald Dahl
<i>Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity</i>	Robert Rodi & Laura Ross
<i>Voices from the Moon: Apollo Astronauts Describe their Lunar Experiences</i>	Victoria Kohl & Andrew Chaikin
<i>The Walking Dead (series)</i>	Robert Kirkman
<i>Walt Disney's Donald Duck: The Old Castle Secret</i>	Carl Barks
<i>Warcross</i>	Marie Lu
<i>What My Mother Doesn't Know</i>	Sonya Sones
<i>What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know</i>	Sonya Sones
<i>Who Are You? the Kid's Guide to Gender Identity</i>	Brook Pessin-Whedbee
<i>Willy the Champ</i>	Anthony Browne 
<i>The Wizard's Apprentice</i>	Herbie Brennan
<i>The Wolves of Currumpaw</i>	William Grill
<i>Wonder Woman: A Hero for All</i>	Liz Marsham & Lee Ferguson
<i>Xi Jinping: President of China</i>	Rebecca Rowell
<i>You Wouldn't Want to be an Aztec Sacrifice</i>	Fiona MacDonald
<i>"You're in the Wrong Bathroom!": And 20 Other Myths and Misconceptions about Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People</i>	Laura Erickson-Schroth
Z	Michael Thomas Ford

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