


2020 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 156 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2020. This is a complete list of book titles that were banned, challenged, or restricted during the year.

Title	Author
<i>10,000 Dresses</i>	Marcus Ewert 
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Sherman Alexie
<i>A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive</i>	Dave Pelzer
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Mark Twain 
<i>A is for Activist</i>	Innosanto Nagara
<i>All American Boys</i>	Jason Reynolds, Brendan Kiely 
<i>American Street</i>	Ibi Zoboi
<i>And Tango Makes Three</i>	Justin Richardson, Peter Parnell
<i>Anime from Akira to Howl's Moving Castle: Experiencing Contemporary Japanese Animation</i>	Susan Napier 
<i>Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Anne Frank
<i>Anne Frank (graphic novel adaption)</i>	Ari Folman 
<i>The Astonishing Color of After</i>	Emily Pan
<i>A Tale of Two Daddies</i>	Vanita Oelschlager 
<i>A Walk Among the Tombstones</i>	Lawrence Block
<i>Baby Teeth</i>	Zoje Stage
<i>Bass Reeves: Tales of the Talented Tenth</i>	Joel Christian Gill
<i>Beet Fields: Memories of a Sixteenth Summer</i>	Gary Paulsen 
<i>Between the World and Me</i>	Ta-Nehisi Coates
<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Toni Morrison 
<i>The Book of David</i>	Anonymous
<i>Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak
<i>Breaking Bailey</i>	Anonymous
<i>Bringing Back the Wolves: How a Predator Restored an Ecosystem</i>	Jude Isabella


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<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	Nikki Grimes
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Burned</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Calling Maggie May</i>	Anonymous
<i>Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People</i>	Dav Pilkey
<i>Captain Underpants and the Terrifying Return of Tippy Tinkletrousers</i>	Dav Pilkey
<i>Catalyst</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>The Cay</i>	Theodore Taylor 
<i>Check Please</i>	Ngozi Ukazu
<i>Catch-22</i>	Joseph Heller 
<i>Cinder</i>	Marissa Meyer
<i>Clap When You Land</i>	Elizabeth Acevedo
<i>Crank</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Crippled America</i>	Donald Trump 
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Mark Haddon
<i>Dangerous Pleasures</i>	Beatrice Small
<i>Darkest Part of the Forest</i>	Holly Black
<i>A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo</i>	Jill Twiss
<i>Dear Martin</i>	Nic Stone
<i>The Deep & Dark Blue</i>	Nikki Smith
<i>Diamond Boy</i>	Michael Williams
<i>Drama</i>	Raina Telgemeier
<i>Dumpty: The Age of Trump in Verse</i>	John Lithgow 
<i>Educated</i>	Tara Westover
<i>Egg to Chick</i>	Millicent Selsam
<i>Eleven</i>	Tom Rogers
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Fallout</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	John Green
<i>Flamer</i>	Mike Curato
<i>Front Desk</i>	Kelly Yang
<i>Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic</i>	Alison Bechdel 
<i>Gay and Lesbian History for Kids</i>	Jerome Pohlen


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<i>Gay Men and Anal Eroticism</i>	Steven Underwood
<i>Gender Queer</i>	Maia Kobabe 
<i>George</i>	Alex Gino 
<i>Ghost Boys</i>	Jewell Parker Rhodes 
<i>Gimmie Everything You got</i>	Iva Marie Palmer
<i>Glass</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Go Ask Alice!</i>	Anonymous
<i>The Great Big Book of Families</i>	Mary Hoffman 
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald 
<i>The Hate U Give</i>	Angie Thomas
<i>Hedgehog: A Sharp Lesson in Love</i>	Benn Sutton, Dan Pinto 
<i>Hey Kiddo</i>	Jarrett Krosoczka
<i>Hop on Pop</i>	Dr Seuss
<i>House Arrest</i>	K.A. Holt (Kari Anne)
<i>How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)</i>	Ann Coulter 
<i>I Am Jazz</i>	Jessica Herthel, Jazz Jennings
<i>Identical</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou 
<i>Impulse</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Introducing Teddy: a Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship</i>	Jessica Walton
<i>Invisible Man</i>	Ralph Ellison 
<i>It Feels Good To Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity</i>	Theresa Thorn
<i>It's Just a Plant: A Children's Story about Marijuana</i>	Ricardo Cortes
<i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World</i>	Ashley Herring Blake 
<i>Jacob's New Dress</i>	Sarah Hoffman
<i>Jay's Journal</i>	Anonymous
<i>Jazz Jennings: Voice for LGBTQ Youth</i>	Ellen Rodger 
<i>Joe's Garage</i>	Frank Zappa
<i>Julian is a Mermaid</i>	Jessica Love
<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini
<i>Letting Ana Go</i>	Anonymous
<i>Letting Go</i>	Maya Banks 
<i>Lily and Dunkin</i>	Donna Gephart 
<i>Lily the Thief</i>	Janne Kukkonen


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<i>The List of Things That Will Not Change</i>	Rebecca Stead
<i>Little & Lion</i>	Brandy Colbert 
<i>Long Way Down</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding
<i>Los Viajes de Babar</i>	Jean de Brunhoff
<i>Lucy in the Sky</i>	Anonymous
<i>Magic for Sale</i>	Carrie Clickard
<i>The Marrow Thieves</i>	Cherie Dimaline
<i>Me and Earl and the Dying Girl</i>	Jesse Andrews
<i>Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy</i>	Rey Terciero 
<i>Miles Morales: Spider-Man</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>Milk and Honey</i>	Rupi Kaur
<i>Mommy, Mama, and Me</i>	Leslea Newman 
<i>Montana 1948</i>	Larry Watson 
<i>Monster</i>	Walter Dean Myers 
<i>Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress</i>	Christine Baldacchino
<i>My Bloody Life</i>	Reymundo Sanchez
<i>My Princess Boy</i>	Cheryl Kilodavis
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult 
<i>My Two Dads</i>	Claudia Harrington 
<i>My Two Moms</i>	Claudia Harrington 
<i>Naruto</i>	Masashi Kishimoto
<i>The Odyssey</i>	Homer
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck 
<i>Once a King, Always a King</i>	Reymundo Sanchez
<i>On The Come Up</i>	Angie Thomas
<i>Openly Straight</i>	Bill Konigsberg
<i>Papa, Daddy, and Riley</i>	Seamus Kirst
<i>Pax</i>	Sara Pennypacker
<i>The Poet X</i>	Elizabeth Acevedo 
<i>Pride</i>	Ibi Zoboi
<i>Prince and Knight</i>	Daniel Haack
<i>The Queer Advantage</i>	Andrew Gelwicks
<i>Ready Player One</i>	Ernest Cline 
<i>Real Sisters Pretend</i>	Megan David Lambert 


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<i>Red: A Crayon's Story</i>	Michael Hall 
<i>Rick</i>	Alex Gino 
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Mildred D. Taylor 
<i>Roman Sex: 100 B.C. to 250 A.D.</i>	John R. Clarke
<i>Ron's Big Mission</i>	Rose Blue, Corinne Naden
<i>The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir</i>	John Bolton
<i>The Round House</i>	Louise Erdrich
<i>Ruins</i>	Peter Kuper
<i>Scarlett & Dilcey</i>	Margarethe Zuber-Keller
<i>Scythe</i>	Neal Shusterman
<i>Seven Deadly Sins</i>	Nakaba Suzuki
<i>Skin I'm In</i>	Sharon Flake
<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i>	Kurt Vonnegut 
<i>Smoke</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Smokey</i>	Bill Peet
<i>Snapdragon</i>	Kat Leyh 
<i>Snow, Glass, Apple</i>	Neil Gaiman 
<i>Soldier Boy</i>	Keely Hutton
<i>Sold</i>	Patricia McCormick
<i>Somebody Else's Daughter</i>	Elizabeth Brundage 
<i>Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice</i>	Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, Ann Hazzard 
<i>Speak</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson
<i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You</i>	Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi 
<i>Street Magic</i>	Tamora Pierce
<i>Take Your Pick of Disgusting Foods</i>	G.G. Lake
<i>The Thanksgiving Story</i>	Alice Dalgliesh
<i>The Things They Carried</i>	Tim O'Brien 
<i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i>	Jay Asher
<i>This Day in June</i>	Gayle E. Pitman 
<i>This is My America</i>	Kim Johnson
<i>This is my Family: A First Look at Same Sex Parents</i>	Pat Thomas
<i>Three Little Words</i>	Ashley Rhodes-Courter
<i>Tilt</i>	Ellen Hopkins


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<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee 
<i>Traffick</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>Tricks</i>	Ellen Hopkins
<i>The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig</i>	Steve Jenkins, Derek Walter 
<i>The Twin</i>	Natasha Preston
<i>The Twin Towers</i>	David Abbott
<i>Ugly Duckling</i>	Lorinda Cauley, Hans Christian Anderson
<i>Uncle Bobby's Wedding</i>	Sarah S Brannen
<i>The Undefeated</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>Watch Us Rise</i>	Renee Watson
<i>The Wave</i>	Todd Strasser
<i>What Lane?</i>	Torrey Maldonado
<i>When Aidan Became a Brother</i>	Kyle Lukoff 
<i>When Boys and Girls Become Men and Women</i>	Jorg Muller
<i>White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism</i>	Robin DiAngelo 
<i>Who are You? the Kid's Guide to Gender Identity</i>	Brook Pessin-Whedbee
<i>Wings of Fire (series)</i>	Tui T. Sutherland 
<i>You Should See Me in a Crown</i>	Leah Johnson

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