

American Library Association's Most Challenged Books 2021

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Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.

Banned and challenged because of the author's public statements and because of claims that the book contains "selective storytelling incidents" and does not encompass racism against all people.

Format: Digital

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely. Banned and challenged for profanity, drug use, and alcoholism and because it was thought to promote antipolice views, contain divisive topics, and be "too much of a sensitive matter right now."

Format: Digital

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson. Banned, challenged, and restricted because it was thought to contain a political viewpoint, it was claimed to be biased against male students, and it included rape and profanity.

Format: Digital

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and allegations of sexual misconduct on the part of the author.

Format: Young Adult Book

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin. Challenged for "divisive language" and because it was thought to promote antipolice views.

Format: Digital

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Banned and challenged for racial slurs and their negative effect on students, featuring a "white savior" character, and its perception of the Black experience.

Formats: Fiction Book; Large Print Book; DVD; Book On CD

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck. Banned and challenged for racial slurs and racist stereotypes and their negative effect on students.

Formats: Fiction Book; Classic Book

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison. Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and depicts child sexual abuse.

Formats: Fiction Book, Book on CD

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. Challenged for profanity, and because it was thought to promote an antipolice message.

Formats: Young Adult Fiction Book; DVD



Frequently Challenged

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- FICTION--Alvarez, Julia. In the Time of the Butterflies
- DVD--Anaya, Rudolfo A. Bless Me, Ultima
- YA--Anderson, Laurie Halse. Twisted
- DIGITAL--Anderson, M.T. Feed
- BIO; BOCD--Angelou, Maya. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
- 616.86 Go--Anonymous. Go Ask Alice
- YA; TV DVD--Asher, Jay. Thirteen Reasons Why
- FICTION; SHOW TUNES; TV DVD--Atwood, Margaret. The Handmaid's Tale
- DIGITAL--Barron, T.A. The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy
- CHILDREN'S FICTION--Bauer, Marion Dane. On My Honor
- FICTION--Benioff, David. City of Thieves
- DIGITAL--Block, Francesca Lia. Baby Be-Bop
- DIGITAL--Block, Francesca Lia. Girl Goddess
- DIGITAL--Block, Francesca Lia. I Was a Teenage Fairy
- DIGITAL--Block, Francesca Lia. The Rose and the Beast: Fairy Tales Retold
- DIGITAL--Block, Francesca Lia. Witch Baby
- DIGITAL--Blume, Judy. Deenie
- YA--Blume, Judy. Forever
- DIGITAL--Blume, Judy. Here's to You, Rachel Robinson
- DIGITAL--Blume, Judy. Tiger Eyes
- DIGITAL--Boyle, T. Coraghessan. The Tortilla Curtain
- FICTION; MP3 BOOK; BOCD--Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451
- DIGITAL--Brashares, Ann. Forever in Blue, the Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood
- SCIFI: YA GRAPHIC NOVEL: BLURAY: DVD--Card, Orson Scott. Ender's Game
- YA, BLURAY, FEATURE FILM DVD, SHOW TUNES--Chbosky, Stephen. The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- CHILDREN'S FICTION, CHILDREN'S PLAYAWAY--Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts
- YA--Colasanti, Susane. When It Happens
- DIGITAL--Colfer, Eoin. The Supernaturalist
- LARGE PRINT--Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games Trilogy
- DIGITAL--Cooney, Caroline. The Face on the Milk Carton
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. After the First Death
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. Beyond the Chocolate War
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. Fade
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. Heroes
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. I Am the Cheese
- FICTION--Cormier, Robert. Tenderness
- DIGITAL--Cormier, Robert. We All Fall Down
- DIGITAL--Crawford, Brent. Carter Finally Gets It
- DIGITAL--Crutcher, Chris. Athletic Shorts
- YA- AWARD WINNING--Crutcher, Chris. Deadline
- YA--Crutcher, Chris. Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes
- DIGITAL--Crutcher, Chris. Whale Talk
- DIGITAL--Daldry, Jeremy. The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide
- DIGITAL--Dandicat, Edwidge. Krik! Krak!
- DIGITAL--Danforth, Emily M. The Miseducation of Cameron Post
- DIGITAL--Dawe, Ted. Into the River
- DIGITAL--Dawson, Juno. This Book is Gay
- DIGITAL--Dessen, Sarah. Just Listen



- DIGITAL--Doctorow, Cory. Little Brother
- LARGE PRINT--Dorfman, Ariel, Death and the Maiden
- DIGITAL--Dorris, Michael. A Yellow Raft in Blue Water
- DIGITAL--Draper, Sharon M., and Adam Lowenbein. Romiette and Julio
- Drill, Esther. Deal With It! A Whole New Approach to Your Body, Brain, and Life as a gURL
- DIGITAL--Duncan, Lois. Daughters of Eve
- DIGITAL--Duncan, Lois. Killing Mr. Griffin
- 811 Spo--Eleveld, Mark, ed. The Spoken Word Revolution: Slam, Hip Hop & the Poetry of a New Generation
- FICTION--Ellison, Ralph. Invisible Man
- DIGITAL--Erlbach, Arlene. The Middle School Survival Guide
- FICTION, FEATURE DVD--Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby
- DIGITAL--Forman, Gayle. Just One Day
- ADULT BIO, CHILDREN'S BIO--Frank, Anne. Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
- 305.235 FRE--Freedom Writers. The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them
- DIGITAL--Friend, Natasha. Lush
- SCI-FI--Gaiman, Neil. Neverwhere
- FICTION--Gaines, Ernest. The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman
- DIGITAL--Garden, Nancy. Annie on My Mind
- DIGITAL--Garden, Nancy. Good Moon Rising
- FICTION--Gardner, John. Grendel
- DIGITAL--Giles, Gail. Shattering Glass
- Glenn, Mel. Who Killed Mr. Chippendale?
- DIGITAL--Going, K.L. Fat Kid Rules the World
- FICTION, YA, BOCD--Golding, William. Lord of the Flies
- YA--Green, John. An Abundance of Katherines
- YA, FEATURE FILM DVD, BLURAY--Green, John. The Fault in Our Stars
- YA, BOCD, TV DVD-- Green, John. Looking for Alaska
- YA, FEATURE DVD, BLURAY--Green, John. Paper Towns
- DIGITAL--Greene, Bette. The Drowning of Stephan Jones
- DIGITAL--Greene, Bette. Summer of My German Soldier
- DIGITAL--Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey
- DIGITAL--Halpern, Julie. Get Well Soon
- DIGITAL--Hartinger, Brent. Geography Club
- FICTION, TV DVD--Heller, Joseph. Catch-22
- YA, FEATURE FILM DVD--Hinton, S.E. The Outsiders
- DIGITAL-- Hinton, S.E. Taming the Star Runner
- DIGITAL--Hinton, S.E. Tex
- DIGITAL--Hinton, S.E. That Was Then, This is Now
- DIGITAL--Hopkins, Ellen. Crank
- DIGITAL--Hopkins, Ellen. Identical
- DIGITAL--Horowitz, Anthony. Snakehead
- FICTION, BOCD, FEATURE FILM DVD--Hosseini, Khaled. The Kite Runner
- FICTION, FEATURE FILM DVD--Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God
- FICTION, YA--Huxley, Aldous. Brave New World
- DIGITAL--Johnson, Maureen. The Bermudez Triangle
- DIGITAL--Kehret, Peg. Abduction!
- FICTION, FEATURE FILM DVD--Keyes, Daniel. Flowers for Algernon
- FICTION, PLAYAWAY, BOCD--King, Stephen. Carrie
- FICTION-- King, Stephen. Christine
- DIGITAL--Klause, Annette Curtis. Blood and Chocolate
- DIGITAL--Kleinbaum, N.H. Dead Poet's Society



- DIGITAL--Knowles, Jo (Johanna Beth). Lessons from a Dead Girl
- DIGITAL-- Korman, Gordon. Jake Reinvented
- 306.768 Kuk)--Kuklin, Susan. Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out
- DIGITAL--LaCour, Nina. Hold Still
- DIGITAL-- Lester, Julius. When Dad Killed Mom
- PLAYAWAY-- Levithan, David. Two Boys Kissing
- DIGITAL- Lockhart, E. The Boy Book: A Study of Habits and Behaviors, Plus Techniques for Taming Them
- CLASSICS, CHILDREN'S FICTION--London, Jack. The Call of the Wild
- DIGITAL-- Lyga, Barry. I Hunt Killers
- YA-- Mackler, Carolyn. The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things
- DIGITAL-- Mackler, Carolyn. Tangled
- DIGITAL--Mackler, Carolyn. Vegan Virgin Valentine
- YA--McCormick, Patricia, Cut
- FICTION--McCullers, Carson. The Member of the Wedding
- YA--Mead, Richelle. Vampire Academy series
- YA, FEATURE DVD, BLURAY--Meyer, Stephenie. Twilight series
- FICTION--Morrison, Toni. Beloved
- FICTION--Morrison, Toni. Song of Solomon
- YA--Myers, Walter Dean. Fallen Angels
- DIGITAL--Myers, Walter Dean. Hoops
- DIGITAL--Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Alice series
- DIGITAL--Nix, Garth. Shade's Children
- DIGITAL-- Nixon, Joan Lowery. Whispers from the Dead
- FICTION--O'Brien, Tim. The Things They Carried
- DIGITAL--Ockler, Sarah. Twenty Boy Summer
- FICTION, BOCD--Orwell, George. 1984
- Children's FICTION--Paulsen, Gary. Harris and Me
- DIGITAL--Peck, Robert Newton. A Day No Pigs Would Die
- DIGITAL--Pelzer, Dave. A Child Called It
- BOCD--Picoult, Jodi. Nineteen Minutes
- DIGITAL--Pike, Christopher. Witch
- DIGITAL--Plum-Ucci, Carol. The Body of Christopher Creed
- CHILDREN'S FICTION--Reiss, Johanna. The Upstairs Room
- DIGITAL--Rennison, Louise. Knocked Out By My Nunga-Nungas
- YA--Rowell, Rainbow. Eleanor & Park
- YA, FICITON--Salinger, J.D. The Catcher in the Rye
- DIGITAL--Sanchez, Alex. Rainbow Boys
- DIGITAL--Santiago, Esmeralda. When I Was Puerto Rican
- YA--Scott, Elizabeth. Living Dead Girl
- DIGITAL--Shusterman, Neal. Unwind
- DIGITAL--Sittenfeld, Curtis. Prep: A Novel
- LARGE PRINT 616.0277 SKL, BOCD 616.0277 SKL, NONFICTION 616.0277 SKL-- Skloot, Rebecca. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
- DIGITAL--Smith, Lee. Fair and Tender Ladies
- DIGITAL-Smith, Patrick. A Land Remembered
- DIGITAL--Sones, Sonya. What My Mother Doesn't Know
- CHILDREN'S FICTION--Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond
- CLASSICS, FICTION--Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath
- DIGITAL--Stine, R.L. Double Date
- DIGITAL--Stone, Tanya Lee. A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl
- YA--Trueman, Terry. Stuck in Neutral



- CLASSICS, CHILDREN'S FICTION, CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVELS--Twain, Mark [Samuel L. Clemens]. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- CLASSICS, CHILDREN'S PLAYAWAY, CHILDREN'S FICTION--Twain, Mark [Samuel L. Clemens]. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- FICTION--Walker, Alice. The Color Purple
- DIGITAL--Watkins, Yoko. So Far From the Bamboo Grove
- DIGITAL--Williams-Garcia, Rita. Like Sisters on the Homefront
- DIGITAL--Wolff, Tobias. This Boy's Life: A Memoir
- FICTION--Wright, Richard. Native Son
- NONFICTION 811 Pai--WritersCorps. Paint Me Like I Am: Teen Poems