

Banned Books Week Frequently Challenged Titles from 2016

Top 10 Challenged or Banned Titles

1. [**This One Summer**](#) by Mariko Tamaki, ill. Jillian Tamaki
LGBT characters, drug use, profanity, considered sexually explicit, mature themes
2. [**Drama**](#) by Raina Telgemeier
LGBT characters, considered sexually explicit, offensive political viewpoint
3. [**George**](#) by Alex Gino
Transgender child, sexuality “not appropriate at elementary levels”
4. [**I Am Jazz!**](#) by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, ill. Shelagh McNicholas
Transgender child, language, sex education, offensive viewpoints
5. [**Two Boys Kissing**](#) by David Levithan
Cover shows two boys kissing, sexually explicit, LGBT content
6. [**Looking for Alaska**](#) by John Green
Sexually explicit scene “may lead a student to sexual experimentation”
7. [**Sex Criminals**](#) by Matt Fraction, ill. Chip Zdarsky
Sexually explicit
8. [**Make Something Up: Stories You Can’t Unread**](#) by Chuck Palahniuk
Profanity, sexually explicit, “disgusting and all around offensive”
9. [**Little Bill**](#) (series) by Bill Cosby, ill. Vernetta P. Honeywood
Criminal sexual allegations against author
10. [**Eleanor & Park**](#) by Rainbow Rowell
Offensive language

Other Challenged or Banned Titles

[**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**](#) by Sherman Alexie

[**Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic**](#) by Alison Bechdel

[**City of Thieves**](#) by David Benioff

[The Perks of Being a Wallflower](#) by Stephen Chbosky

[Al Capone Does My Shirts](#) by Gennifer Choldenko

[Into the River](#) by Ted Dawe

[This Book is Gay](#) by James Dawson

[King & King](#) by Linda de Haan

[Death and the Maiden](#) by Ariel Dorfman

[Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close](#) by Jonathan Foer

[Just One Day](#) by Gayle Forman

[The Sandman, Volume 2: The Doll's House](#) by Neil Gaiman

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time](#) by Mark Haddon

[Palomar: The Heartbreak Soup Stories](#) by Gilbert Hernandez

[Glass](#) by Ellen Hopkins

[The Kite Runner](#) by Khaled Hosseini

[The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements](#) by Sam Kean

[My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up](#) by Cheryl Kilodavis

[The Namesake](#) by Jhumpa Lahiri

[Cal](#) by Bernard MacLaverty

[Daughter of the Forest](#) by Juliet Marillier

[Beloved](#) by Toni Morrison

[The Things They Carried](#) by Tim O'Brien

[Amityville](#) by John Perritano

[**This Day in June**](#) by Gayle Pitman

[**Persepolis**](#) by Marjane Satrapi

[**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**](#) by Rebecca Skloot

[**Of Mice and Men**](#) by John Steinbeck

[**Art History**](#) by Marilyn Stokstad

[**Some Girls Are**](#) by Courtney Summers

[**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**](#) by Mark Twain

[**Y: The Last Man, Volume 1**](#) by Brian Vaughn

[**The Glass Castle: A Memoir**](#) by Jeannette Walls

[**The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq**](#) by Jeannette Winters

[**Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan**](#) by Jeannette
Winters