

# **CENSORED BOOKS**

(BOOKS IN THE CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. GUARINI LIBRARY  
THAT APPEAR ON THE  
ALA FREQUENTLY CHALLENGED BOOKS LIST AND OTHER LISTS)



*(Reasons for challenges are contained in parentheses underneath the title)*

## **Juvenile Collection**

Allard, Harry	Bumps in the Night	Juv. A419b
	(occult, supernatural, description of families in a derogatory manner and encourages disrespectful language and disobedience to parents)	
Allard, Harry	Stupids (series)	Juv. A419st
	(anti-family, undermines parental authority)	
Alexie, Sherman.	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian	Juv. A3847a
	(The protagonist in Alexie's book discusses masturbation. Offensive language, racism, sex education, sexually explicit, religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, violence, cultural insensitivity, gambling, and underage drinking. Additional reasons: "depictions of bullying")	
	Am I blue? : coming out from the silence	Juv. A479
	(graphic description of a sexual act)	
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Speak	Juv. A5475S
	(profanity, sexual content and rape theme)	
Asher, Jay	Thirteen reasons why	Juv. A8254t
	(Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, discusses suicide, unsuited for age group)	
Bauer, Marion Dane	On My Honor	Juv. B3440
Block, Francesca Lia	Baby Be-Bop (Dangerous Angels)	Juv.B652D
	(objectionable language and sexually explicit)	
Blume, Judy	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret	Juv. B658a1990
	(profane, immoral and offensive)	
Blume, Judy	Blubber	Juv. B658B
	(offensive language, verbal physical and sexual abuse, profane)	
Blume, Judy	Forever	Juv. B658f
	(offensive language, sexual content)	
Brannen, Sarah.	Uncle Bobby's Wedding	Juv. B8217u
	(some material may be inappropriate for young children." The children's book features two gay guinea pigs.)	
Bryant, Sara Cone	Epaminondas and his Auntie*	Juv. B915e
	(African-American stereotypes)	
Burgess, Melvin	Doing It	Juv.B955d
Bundo, Marlon	Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo	Juv B9425d.
	(includes LGBTQIA+ content, political and religious viewpoints)	
Butler, Dori Hillestad	My Mom's Having A Baby!	Juv.618.2.B985m
	A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy	
	(nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group)	
Chbosky, Stephen.	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Juv.C513p
	(homosexuality, sexual behavior, drugs/alcohol/smoking. Additional reasons: "date rape and masturbation")	

Collier, James Lincoln and Christopher	My Brother Sam is Dead (profanity, violence)	Juv. C711m 1985
Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games trilogy (anti-ethnic; anti-family; insensitivity; offensive language; occult/satanic; violence)	Juv. C7136
Cooney, Caroline B	Terrorist (Muslim stereotypes)	Juv. C7755T
Cormier, Robert	Chocolate War (offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group)	Juv. C811c
Cormier, Robert	We All Fall Down (offensive language, sexual content)	Juv. C811W
Crutcher, Chris	Athletic Shorts: six stories (homosexuality and offensive language)	Juv. C9574a
Crutcher, Chris	Whale Talk (racism, offensive language)	Juv. C9574W
Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach (offensive language, anti-parent/adults)	Juv. D1315j
Dahl, Roald	Witches (satanic, promoted occult)	Juv. D315w
Friend, Natasha	Lush (drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	Juv. F8995l
Garden, Nancy	Annie on My Mind (promotes and condones homosexuality)	Juv. G218a
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves (unsuited to age group and violence)	Juv. G348j
Green, John	Looking for Alaska (concerns about graphic language and sexual content.)	Juv. G7955L
Gino, Alex	George (includes a transgender child, encourages children to clear browser history and change their bodies using hormones, mentions “dirty magazines,” describes male anatomy, “creates confusion, the “sexuality was not appropriate at elementary levels”)	Juv. G4932g
Greene, Bette	Summer of My German Soldier (offensive language, racism, sexually explicit)	Juv. G798s
Haan, Linda de	King & King (advances the “homosexual agenda and gay marriage)	Juv. H111k
Haan, Linda de	King & King & Family (advances the “homosexual agenda and gay marriage)	Juv. H111kf
Handsford, Martin	Where’s Waldo (nudity. First edition showed the bare breast of a startled sun bather in the beach scene.)	Juv. H2355w 1997
Harper, Charise Mericle	Flashcards of my life: a novel (sexually explicit and unsuited to age group)	Juv. H2934f
Harris, Robie H.	It’s Perfectly Normal (abortion, homosexuality, nudity, sex education, religious viewpoint, abortion, and being unsuited to age group)	
Henkes, Kevin	Olive’s Ocean (offensive language, sexually explicit)	Juv. H5130l
Herron, Carolivia.	Nappy hair	Juv. H569n
Herthel, Jessica and Jennings, Jazz	I am Jazz (Inaccurate, homosexuality, sex education, religious viewpoint, and unsuited for age group.)	Juv. 306.76 .H574i

Hinton, S.E.	Outsiders (profanity, gangs, drugs and alcohol use)	Juv. H666O
Hopkins, Ellen	Crank (drugs, offensive language, and sexually explicit)	Juv. H7938c
Hwa, Kim Dong	Color of Earth series (nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group)	
Hyman, Tina Schart	Little Red Riding Hood (promotes drinking -bottle of wine in Red Riding Hood's basket)	Juv. 398.2.H996L\
Klause, Annette Curtis	Blood and Chocolate (sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	Juv. K622b
Kuklin, Susan	Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out Anti-family, offensive language, homosexuality, sex education, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("wants to remove from collection to ward off complaints").	Juv. 306.76 .K965b
L'Engle, Madeleine	A Wrinkle in Time (anti-religion, mixed signal about good and evil)	Juv. L566w
Levithan, David,	Two Boys kissing (Homosexuality and other ["condones public displays of affection"], challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content [2018]).	Juv. .L6662t
Lofting, Hugh	Story of Doctor Doolittle	Juv. L829d
Lowry, Lois	Anastasia Krupnik (series) (offensive language, underage drinking)	Juv. L921aat
Lowry, Lois	Giver (suicide, infanticide, euthanasia, sexuality)	Juv. L921g
Mackler, Carolyn	The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things (offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	Juv. M1585e
Madaras, Lynda	What's Happening to My Body? Book for Boys: a growing-up guide for parents and sons	Juv. 612.6 .M178wb
Madaras, Lynda	What's Happening to My Body? Book for Girls: a growing-up guide for parents and daughters	Juv. 612.6 .M178wg
Mayle, Peter	Where Did I Come From?	Juv. 612.63.M47w
Meyer, Stephanie	Twilight (religious viewpoint and violence, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	Juv. M6133t
Miller, Frank	Batman: The Dark Knight returns (sexism, offensive language, nsuited to age group)	Juv. B3337bd
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels (racism, sexual content, offensive language, drugs, and violence)	Juv. M9967f
Newman, Leslea	Heather Has Two Mommies (promotes homosexuality)	Juv. N553h
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia (occult/Satanism, offensive language, and violence)	Juv. P296b
Paterson, Katherine	Great Gilly Hopkins (explicit language)	Juv. P296g
Pilkey, Dav	Adventures of Captain Underpants series (offensive language, violence, encourages disruptive behavior, [ <i>Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot</i> was challenged for including a same-sex couple],unsuited to age group)	Juv. P638a
Pitman, Gayle	This Day in June (challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content [2018])	Juv..P6854t
Pullman, Philip	Golden Compass /His Dark materials (political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, and violence)	Juv. P982

Richardson, Justin	And Tango Makes Three (anti-family, homosexuality, religious viewpoint and unsuited to age group. Additional reasons: “promotes the homosexual agenda”)	Juv. R523a
Rowell, Rainbow	Eleanor and Park (offensive language)	Juv. R8817e
Rowling, J. K.	Harry Potter (Series) (anti-family, occult/Satanism, religious viewpoint, and violence)	Juv.R883ha
Schachner, Judy	Skippyjon Jones series (depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture)	Juv.S291s
Sendak, Maurice.	In the Night Kitchen. (nudity, offensive language, and sexually explicit)	Juv.S4745i 2
Schwartz, Alvin	Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (insensitivity, occult/Satanism, unsuited to age group, and violence)	Juv. 398.4.S399s
Seuss, Dr.	If I Ran the Zoo* (Note: <a href="http://seussblog.wordpress.com/2012/12/09/if-i-ran-the-zoo/">http://seussblog.wordpress.com/2012/12/09/if-i-ran-the-zoo/</a> Racism and stereotypes in text and images.)	Juv. G313ii
Silverberg, Cory	Sex Is a Funny Word (“addresses sex education and is believed to lead children to “want to have sex or ask questions about sex.”)	Juv. 613.9 .S587s
Silverstein, Shel.	Light in the Attic (anti-parent, violence, promotes disrespect and horror)	Juv.811.54 .S587L
Sones, Sonya	What My Mother Doesn’t Know (sexism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	Juv. C7136h
Stine, R. L.	Goosebumps series (satanic symbolism, demonic possession and violence)	Juv.S86
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (racial bias, contains racial epithets, offensive language)	Juv. T2445R
Taylor, Theodore	Cay* (racist, maligns African Americans)	Juv.T246c
Thomas, Angie	Hate u Give (“pervasively vulgar”, drug use, profanity, and offensive language, deemed “anti-cop,” sexual references)	Juv. T4542h
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (offensive language)	Juv.C625ahbn
Kim, Tong-hwa	Color of earth (series) (nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group)	Juv.K495
Wilhoite, Michael	Daddy’s Roommate (promotes or sanctions a homosexual; lifestyle)	Juv.W715d
Winter, Jeanette	Nasreen's secret school : a true story from Afghanistan (Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, and violence)	Juv. 371.82 .W785n
Zindel, Paul	Pigman (profanity, anti-social behavior)	Juv.Z77p
<i>Graphic Novels</i>		
Gaiman, Neil	Graveyard Book (Violent imagery)	Juv.G141g
Kim, Tong-hwa	Color of earth (series) (nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group)	Juv.K495
Moore, Alan	Watchmen (Unsuited to age group)	Juv. M8212w
Nakazawa, Keiji	Barefoot Gen (In Japan, for violence, discrimination)	Juv. 952.04 .N163b
Satrapa, Marjane	Persepolis	Juv. 955.05 .S353pr

Sendak, Maurice.	(gambling, offensive language, political viewpoint. Additional reasons: "politically, racially, and socially offensive," "graphic depictions") In the Night Kitchen.	Juv.S4745i 2
Smith, Jeff	(nudity, offensive language, and sexually explicit) Bone (series)	Juv. S65212b
Spiegelman, Art	(Political viewpoint, racism, violence) Maus : a survivor's tale	Juv. S755m (RESERVE DESK)
Tamaki, Mariko	(Anti-ethnic and unsuited for age group) This One Summer	Juv. T1533t
Telgemeier, Raina	(LGBT characters, drug use and profanity, sexually explicit with mature themes and certain illustrations) Drama	Juv.T2714d
Vaughan, Brian K. and Henrichon, Niko	(sexually explicit, LGBT characters, confusing.) Pride of Baghdad	Juv. V3644p
Vaughan, Brian K And Guerra, Pia	(sexually explicit content.) Y: the last man	Juv. V3644y
	(Sexual content)	

### **Circulating Collection**

Anaya, .A Rudolfo	Bless Me, Ultima	PS3551. N27 B6
	(occult/Satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, and violence)	
Angelou, Maya	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	PS3551.N464.Z466.1971b
	(homosexuality, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group)	
Anonymous	Go Ask Alice	PS3550.G6
	(Its explicit references to drugs and sex have been controversial since it was first published)	
Atwood, Margaret	Handmaid's Tale	PR9199.3.A8 H3 1987
	("anti-Christian" and "sexually lurid")	
Ehrenreich, Barbara	Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting By in America	HD4918 .E375 2002
	(drugs, inaccurate, offensive language, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint)	
Follett, Ken	Pillars of the Earth	PR6056. 045 P55 1989
Golding, William	Lord of the Flies	PZ4.G63 L02
	(profanity, demoralizing, racist language)	
Guest, Judith	Ordinary People	PS3557.U345 07
Haddon, Mark	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	PR6058.A245 C87 2003
	(Offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("profanity and atheism").	
Hosseini, Khaled	Kite Runner	PS3608 .O832 K58 2005
	(sexual violence; and was thought to "lead to terrorism" and "promote Islam.")	
Huxley, Aldous	Brave New World	PR6015.U9 B65 1999
	(too many references to sex and drug use, insensitivity, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit)	
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	PS 3562.E353 T6 1995
	(feared the book would upset black children reading it, offensive language (N-word); violence, racism)	
Mathabane, Mark	Kaffir Boy	E185.97 M38 A3
	(brutal and graphic language, homosexuality, racially insensitive)	
Mitchell, Margaret	Gone with the Wind	PS3525.I972 G6 1993
	(contains racial slur)	

Morrison, Toni	Bluest Eye	PS3563.08749 B55 (inappropriate sexual content and graphic language)
Morrison, Toni	Beloved	PS3563.08749 B4 1988c (violence, sexual content and discussion of bestiality.)
Morrison, Toni	Song of Solomon	PS3563.08749 S6 C.2 (language degrading to blacks, and is sexually explicit)
Peck, Robert Newton	Day No Pigs Would Die	PS3566.E254 (bigoted against Baptists and women and depicts violence, hatred, animal cruelty and murder)
Pomeroy, Wardell	Girls and Sex	HQ51.P6 (bestiality, masturbation and homosexuality, endorses pre-adolescent and premarital sex)
Salinger, J. D.	Catcher in the Rye	PS3537.A426 C3 1991 (offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group)
Steinbeck, John	Of Mice and Men	PS3537.T3234.O2 1994 (offensive language, racism, unsuited to age group, and violence)
Twain, Mark	Huckleberry Finn	PS1305 .B72 (offensive language)
Vaughan, Brian. and Staples, Fiona	Saga	PN6727 .V387 S24 (anti-Family, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group)
Walker, Alice	Color Purple	PS3573.A425 C6 1992 (homosexuality, rape, and incest)
Wright, Richard	Native Son	PS3545.R815 (“violent and sexually graphic” content, objectionable language)

#### *Graphic Novels*

Bechdel, Alison	Fun Home	PN6727 .B3757 Z46 2006 (Violence and other (“graphic images”).
Gaiman, Neil	Sandman	PN6728 .S26 G35 1991 (Anti-family themes, offensive language, and unsuited for age group)
Thompson, Craig	Blankets	PN6727 .T48 B58 2003 (Obscene images)
Vaughan, Brian K. and Staples, Fiona	Saga	PN6727 .V387 S24 2012 (Sexual content)

#### **Professional Materials**

##### Curriculum Collection

CMC Z658.W2.S36 1995

CMC Z711.4 .A58 1989

CMC Z1019.P57 1996

CMC Z1019 .S33 2001

School Censorship: An Emergency Resource Manual

Hit List: Frequently Challenged Young Adult Titles:  
references to defend them

Hit List: Frequently Challenged Books for Children

Teaching banned books: 12 guides for young readers

##### Circulating Collection

LC72.2.P74 1994

PN56.P55 D66 1983

PN1009.5 .R32 K64 2007

Preserving Intellectual Freedom: Fighting Censorship in our schools

Empire's old clothes : what the Lone Ranger, Babar, and other innocent heroes do to our minds

Should we burn Babar? : essays on children's literature and the power of stories

PS490 .S74 2003	Stories matter : the complexity of cultural authenticity in children's literature
Z658.u5.b87 1989	Battle of the Books: literary censorship in the public schools, 1950-1985
Z658.U5 N6 1990	Bookbanning in America : Who bans books?--and why?
Z711.4.R6 1982	Freedom of Access to Library Materials.
Z1019 .H15 1978	Banned Books, 387 B.C. to 1978 A.D
Z1037.A1.W38 1988	Trust Your Children: Voices against Censorship in Children's Literature

Also

Periodicals Collection

Censorship Roundup Column in School Library Journal

**Videos**

V2269

Tell It Like It Is

(A discussion about censorship of children's books, including scenes with Judy Blume and other authors. Readers and authors comment both on the negative impact of censorship and on the positive influence that reading has had on their lives.)

**Websites**

ALA Banned Books Week –Challenged and Banned Books <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>

American Indians in Children's Literature <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>

Banned and Challenged Comics <http://cbldf.org/banned-challenged-comics/>

Banned Books Week in the U.K <https://www.bannedbooksweek.org.uk/>

Challenged Classics <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/classics>

Frequently Challenged Books <http://tinyurl.com/mksg65>

Images of Indians in Children's Books <http://imagesofindiansinchildrensbooks.blogspot.com/>

Twenty-two banned and challenged comics <http://cbldf.org/2014/09/21-banned-and-challenged-comics/>