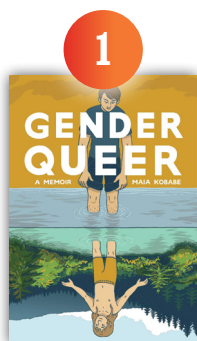


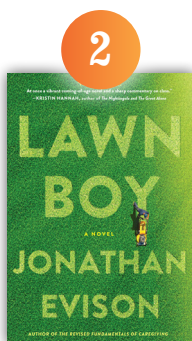
TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2021

The American Library Association tracked **729 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2021. Of the 1,597 individual books that were challenged or banned in 2021, here are the top 10 most challenged:



Gender Queer
By Maia Kobabe

REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images



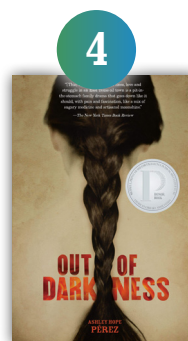
Lawn Boy
By Jonathan Evison

REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



All Boys Aren't Blue
By George M. Johnson

REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



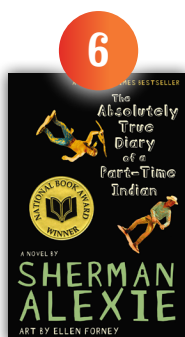
Out of Darkness
By Ashley Hope Perez

REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



The Hate U Give
By Angie Thomas

REASONS: Banned and challenged for profanity, violence, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message and indoctrination of a social agenda



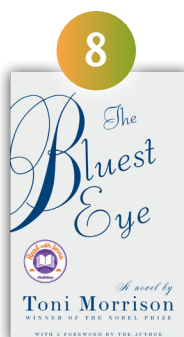
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
By Sherman Alexie

REASONS: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and use of a derogatory term



Me and Earl and the Dying Girl
By Jesse Andrews

REASONS: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and degrading to women



The Bluest Eye
By Toni Morrison

REASONS: Banned and challenged because it depicts child sexual abuse and was considered sexually explicit



This Book is Gay
By Juno Dawson

REASONS: Banned, challenged, relocated, and restricted for providing sexual education and LGBTQIA+ content



Beyond Magenta
By Susan Kuklin

REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



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