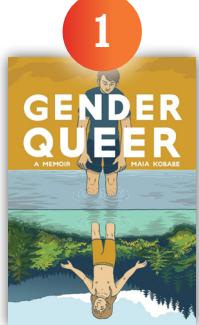


TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2021

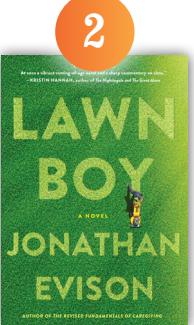
The American Library Association tracked 729 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2021. Of the 1,597 individual books that were challenged or banned in 2021, here are the top 10 most challenged:



Gender Queer

By Maia Kobabe

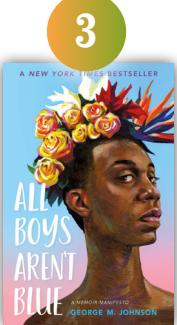
REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images



Lawn Boy

By Jonathan Evison

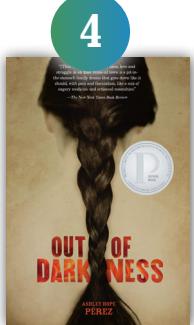
REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



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

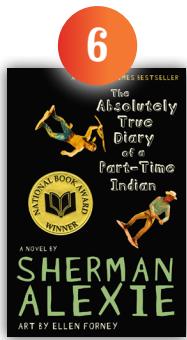
REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



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

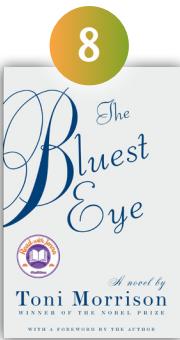
REASONS: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and use of a derogatory term



Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

By Jesse Andrews

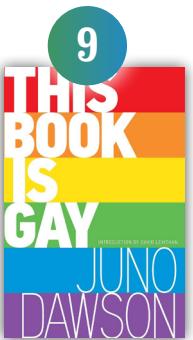
REASONS: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and degrading to women



The Bluest Eye

By Toni Morrison

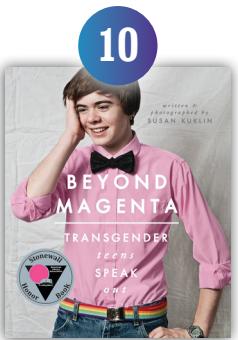
REASONS: Banned and challenged because it depicts child sexual abuse and was considered sexually explicit



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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