

Most Commonly Challenged Books since 2001 (the American Library Association keeps track of instances where books are banned in an effort to bring awareness to the issue of censorship).

Top Eleven for 2018

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **347 challenges** to library, school and university materials and services in 2018. Of the **483 books** challenged or banned in 2018, the Top 11 Most Challenged Books are:

1. **George by Alex Gino**
Reasons: banned, challenged, and relocated because it was believed to encourage children to clear browser history and change their bodies using hormones, and for mentioning “dirty magazines,” describing male anatomy, “creating confusion,” and including a transgender character
2. **A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller**
Reasons: banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ content, and for political and religious viewpoints
3. **Captain Underpants series written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: series was challenged because it was perceived as encouraging disruptive behavior, while *Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot* was challenged for including a same-sex couple
4. **The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas**
Reasons: banned and challenged because it was deemed “anti-cop,” and for profanity, drug use, and sexual references
5. **Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier**
Reasons: banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ characters and themes
6. **Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher**
Reasons: banned, challenged, and restricted for addressing teen suicide
7. **This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki**
Reasons: banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations
8. **Skippyjon Jones series written and illustrated by Judy Schachner**
Reason: challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture
9. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: banned and challenged for sexual references, profanity, violence, gambling, and underage drinking, and for its religious viewpoint
10. **This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristyna Litten**
Reason: challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content
11. **Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan**
Reason: challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content

Top Ten for 2017

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 354 challenges to library, school and university materials and services in 2017. Of the 416 books challenged or banned in 2017, the Top 10 Most Challenged Books are:

1. **Thirteen Reasons Why written by Jay Asher**
Originally published in 2007, this New York Times bestseller has resurfaced as a controversial book after Netflix aired a TV series by the same name. This YA novel was challenged and banned in multiple school districts because it discusses suicide.
2. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian written by Sherman Alexie**
Consistently challenged since its publication in 2007 for acknowledging issues such as poverty, alcoholism, and sexuality, this National Book Award winner was challenged in school curriculums because of profanity and situations that were deemed sexually explicit.
3. **Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier**
This Stonewall Honor Award-winning, 2012 graphic novel from an acclaimed cartoonist was challenged and banned in school libraries because it includes LGBT characters and was considered “confusing.”

4. ***The Kite Runner* written by Khaled Hosseini**
This critically acclaimed, multigenerational novel was challenged and banned because it includes sexual violence and was thought to “lead to terrorism” and “promote Islam.”
5. ***George* written by Alex Gino**
Written for elementary-age children, this Lambda Literary Award winner was challenged and banned because it includes a transgender child.
6. ***Sex is a Funny Word* written by Cory Silverberg and illustrated by Fiona Smyth**
This 2015 informational children’s book written by a certified sex educator was challenged because it addresses sex education and is believed to lead children to “want to have sex or ask questions about sex.”
7. ***To Kill a Mockingbird* written by Harper Lee**
This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, considered an American classic, was challenged and banned because of violence and its use of the N-word.
8. ***The Hate U Give* written by Angie Thomas**
Despite winning multiple awards and being the most searched-for book on Goodreads during its debut year, this YA novel was challenged and banned in school libraries and curriculums because it was considered “pervasively vulgar” and because of drug use, profanity, and offensive language.
9. ***And Tango Makes Three* written by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson and illustrated by Henry Cole**
Returning after a brief hiatus from the Top Ten Most Challenged list, this ALA Notable Children’s Book, published in 2005, was challenged and labeled because it features a same-sex relationship.
10. ***I Am Jazz* written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas**
This autobiographical picture book co-written by the 13-year-old protagonist was challenged because it addresses gender identity.

Top Ten for 2016

Out of 323 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***This One Summer* written by Mariko Tamaki and illustrated by Jillian Tamaki**
Reasons: challenged because it includes LGBT characters, drug use and profanity, and it was considered sexually explicit with mature themes
2. ***Drama* written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier**
Reasons: challenged because it includes LGBT characters, was deemed sexually explicit, and was considered to have an offensive political viewpoint
3. ***George* written by Alex Gino**
Reasons: challenged because it includes a transgender child, and the “sexuality was not appropriate at elementary levels”
4. ***I Am Jazz* written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas**
Reasons: challenged because it portrays a transgender child and because of language, sex education, and offensive viewpoints
5. ***Two Boys Kissing* written by David Levithan**
Reasons: challenged because its cover has an image of two boys kissing, and it was considered to include sexually explicit LGBT content
6. ***Looking for Alaska* written by John Green**
Reasons: challenged for a sexually explicit scene that may lead a student to “sexual experimentation”
7. ***Big Hard Sex Criminals* written by Matt Fraction and illustrated by Chip Zdarsky**
Reason: challenged because it was considered sexually explicit
8. ***Make Something Up: Stories You Can’t Unread* written by Chuck Palahniuk**
Reasons: challenged for profanity, sexual explicitness, and being “disgusting and all around offensive”
9. ***Little Bill (series)* written by Bill Cosby and and illustrated by Varnette P. Honeywood**
Reason: challenged because of criminal sexual allegations against the author
10. ***Eleanor & Park* written by Rainbow Rowell**
Reason: challenged for offensive language

Top Ten for 2015

Out of 275 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Looking for Alaska*, by John Green**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group
2. ***Fifty Shades of Grey*, by E. L. James**
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and other (“poorly written,” “concerns that a group of teenagers will want to try it”)
3. ***I Am Jazz*, by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings**
Reasons: inaccurate, homosexuality, sex education, religious viewpoint, and unsuited for age group
4. ***Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*, by Susan Kuklin**
Reasons: 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”)
5. ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon**
Reasons: offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other (“profanity and atheism”)
6. ***The Holy Bible***
Reasons: religious viewpoint
7. ***Fun Home*, by Alison Bechdel**
Reasons: violence and other (“graphic images”)
8. ***Habibi*, by Craig Thompson**
Reasons: nudity, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group
9. ***Nasreen’s Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan*, by Jeanette Winter**
Reasons: religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, and violence
10. ***Two Boys Kissing*, by David Levithan**
Reasons: homosexuality and other (“condones public displays of affection”)

Top Ten for 2014

Out of 311 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: anti-family, cultural insensitivity, drugs/alcohol/smoking, gambling, offensive language, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group, violence. Additional reasons: “depictions of bullying”
2. ***Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi**
Reasons: gambling, offensive language, political viewpoint. Additional reasons: “politically, racially, and socially offensive,” “graphic depictions”
3. ***And Tango Makes Three*, Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**
Reasons: anti-family, homosexuality, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: “promotes the homosexual agenda”
4. ***The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison**
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: “contains controversial issues”
5. ***It’s Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris**
Reasons: nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group. Additional reasons: “alleges it is child pornography”
6. ***Saga*, by Brian Vaughan and Fiona Staples**
Reasons: anti-Family, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group
7. ***The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited to age group, violence
8. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: “date rape and masturbation”
9. ***A Stolen Life*, Jaycee Dugard**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
10. ***Drama*, by Raina Telgemeier**
Reason: sexually explicit

Top Ten for 2013

Out of 307 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Captain Underpants (series)*, by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited for age group, violence
2. ***The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
3. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
4. ***Fifty Shades of Grey*, by E.L. James**
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
5. ***The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins**
Reasons: religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group
6. ***A Bad Boy Can Be Good for A Girl*, by Tanya Lee Stone**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit
7. ***Looking for Alaska*, by John Green**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
9. ***Bless Me Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya**
Reasons: occult/Satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
10. ***Bone (series)*, by Jeff Smith**
Reason: political viewpoint, racism, violence

Top Ten for 2012

Out of 464 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Captain Underpants (series)*, by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited for age group
2. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
3. ***Thirteen Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher**
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited for age group
4. ***Fifty Shades of Grey*, by E. L. James**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
5. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson**
Reasons: homosexuality, unsuited for age group
6. ***The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
7. ***Looking for Alaska*, by John Green**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
8. ***Scary Stories (series)*, by Alvin Schwartz**
Reasons: unsuited for age group, violence
9. ***The Glass Castle*, by Jeanette Walls**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
10. ***Beloved*, by Toni Morrison**
Reasons: sexually explicit, religious viewpoint, violence

Top Ten for 2011

Out of 326 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r (series)*, by Lauren Myracle**
Reasons: offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
2. ***The Color of Earth (series)*, by Kim Dong Hwa**
Reasons: nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
3. ***The Hunger Games trilogy*, by Suzanne Collins**
Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, insensitivity, offensive language, occult/satanic, violence

4. ***My Mom's Having A Baby! A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy*, by Dori Hillestad Butler**
Reasons: nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
5. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
6. ***Alice (series)*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint
7. ***Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley**
Reasons: insensitivity, nudity, racism, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
8. ***What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones**
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit
9. ***Gossip Girl (series)*, by Cecily Von Ziegesar**
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit
10. ***To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee**
Reasons: offensive language, racism

Top Ten for 2010

Out of 348 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson**
Reasons: homosexuality, religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group
2. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
3. ***Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley**
Reasons: insensitivity, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit
4. ***Crank*, by Ellen Hopkins**
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit
5. ***The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins**
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
6. ***Lush*, by Natasha Friend**
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
7. ***What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones**
Reasons: sexism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. ***Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich**
Reasons: drugs, inaccurate, offensive language, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint
9. ***Revolutionary Voices*, edited by Amy Sonnle**
Reasons: homosexuality, sexually explicit
10. ***Twilight*, by Stephenie Meyer**
Reasons: religious viewpoint, violence

Top Ten for 2009

Out of 460 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r (series)*, by Lauren Myracle**
Reasons: drugs, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
2. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson**
Reasons: homosexuality
3. ***The Perks of Being A Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: anti-family, drugs, homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited to age group
4. ***To Kill A Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, unsuited to age group
5. ***Twilight (series)* by Stephenie Meyer**
Reasons: religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
6. ***The Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

7. ***My Sister's Keeper*, by Jodi Picoult**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
8. ***The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things*, by Carolyn Mackler**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
9. ***The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
10. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

Top Ten for 2008

Out of 513 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**
Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, homosexuality, religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group
2. ***His Dark Materials* trilogy, by Philip Pullman**
Reasons: political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, violence
3. ***ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r (series)*, by Lauren Myracle**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
4. ***Scary Stories (series)*, by Alvin Schwartz**
Reasons: occult/satanism, religious viewpoint, violence
5. ***Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya**
Reasons: occult/satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, violence
6. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: drugs, homosexuality, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited to age group
7. ***Gossip Girl (series)*, by Cecily von Ziegesar**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. ***Uncle Bobby's Wedding*, by Sarah S. Brannen**
Reasons: homosexuality, unsuited to age group
9. ***The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
10. ***Flashcards of My Life*, by Charise Mericle Harper**
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

Top Ten for 2007

Out of 420 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**
Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, homosexuality, religious viewpoint, sexism, unsuited to age group
2. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, violence
3. ***Olive's Ocean*, by Kevin Henkes**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
4. ***The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman**
Reason: religious viewpoint
5. ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain**
Reason: racism
6. ***The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit
7. ***ttyl*, by Lauren Myracle**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou**
Reason: sexually explicit

9. ***It's Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris**
Reasons: sex education, sexually explicit
10. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

Top Ten for 2006

Out of 546 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**
Reasons: anti-family, homosexuality, unsuited to age group
2. ***Gossip Girls (series)*, by Cecily Von Ziegesar**
Reasons: homosexuality, sexually explicit, offensive language, unsuited to age group
3. ***Alice (series)*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Reasons: offensive language and sexually explicit
4. ***The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things*, by Carolyn Mackler**
Reasons: anti-family, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
5. ***The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
6. ***Scary Stories (series)*, by Alvin Schwartz**
Reasons: insensitivity, occult/Satanism, unsuited to age group, violence
7. ***Athletic Shorts*, by Chris Crutcher**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language
8. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: homosexuality, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
9. ***Beloved*, by Toni Morrison**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
10. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, violence

Top Ten for 2005

Out of 405 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health*, by Robie H. Harris**
Reasons: abortion, homosexuality, nudity, religious viewpoint, sex education, unsuited to age group
2. ***Forever*, by Judy Blume**
Reasons: offensive language, sexual content
3. ***The Catcher in the Rye*, by J. D. Salinger**
Reasons: sexual content, offensive language, unsuited to age group
4. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: sexual content, offensive language
5. ***Whale Talk*, by Chris Crutcher**
Reasons: racism, offensive language
6. ***Detour for Emmy*, by Marilyn Reynolds**
Reason: sexual content
7. ***What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones**
Reasons: sexual content, being unsuited to age group
8. ***Captain Underpants (series)*, by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: anti-family content, unsuited to age group, violence
9. ***Crazy Lady!*, by Jane Leslie Conly**
Reason: offensive language
10. ***It's So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families*, by Robie H. Harris**
Reasons: sex education, sexual content

Top Ten for 2004

Out of 547 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
2. ***Fallen Angels*, by Walter Dean Myers**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, violence
3. ***Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture*, by Michael A. Bellesiles**
Reasons: inaccurate, political viewpoint
4. ***Captain Underpants (series)*, by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
5. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit
6. ***What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited to age group, sexually explicit
7. ***In the Night Kitchen*, by Maurice Sendak**
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit
8. ***King & King*, by Linda deHaan**
Reason: homosexuality
9. ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou**
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
10. ***Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, violence

Top Ten for 2003

Out of 458 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Alice (series)*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Reasons: sexual content, offensive language, unsuited to age group
2. ***Harry Potter (series)*, by J.K. Rowling**
Reasons: occult/Satanism
3. ***Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck**
Reason: offensive language
4. ***Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture*, by Michael Bellesiles**
Reason: inaccuracy
5. ***Fallen Angels*, by Walter Dean Myers**
Reason: drugs, offensive language, racism, sexual content, violence
6. ***Go Ask Alice*, by Anonymous**
Reason: drugs
7. ***It's Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris**
Reasons: homosexuality, nudity, sexual content, sex education
8. ***We All Fall Down*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, sexual content
9. ***King & King*, by Linda de Haan**
Reason: homosexuality
10. ***Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson**
Reasons: occult/Satanism, offensive language

Top Ten for 2002

Out of 515 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Harry Potter*, by J.K. Rowling**
Reasons: occult/Satanism, violence
2. ***Alice (series)*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Reasons: homosexuality, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

3. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
4. ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
5. ***Taming the Star Runner*, by S.E. Hinton**
Reason: offensive language
6. ***Captain Underpants*, by Dav Pilkey**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited to age group
7. ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain**
Reason: offensive language
8. ***Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson**
Reasons: occult/Satanism, offensive language, violence
9. ***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, by Mildred D. Taylor**
Reason: offensive language
10. ***Julie of the Wolves*, by Jean Craighead George**
Reasons: unsuited to age group, violence

Top Ten for 2001

Out of 448 challenges recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. ***Harry Potter*, by J.K. Rowling**
Reasons: anti-family, occult/Satanism, religious viewpoint, violence
2. ***Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, unsuited to age group, violence
3. ***The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
4. ***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou**
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
5. ***Summer of My German Soldier*, by Bette Greene**
Reasons: offensive language, racism, sexually explicit
6. ***The Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger**
Reasons: offensive language, unsuited to age group
7. ***Alice (series)*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. ***Go Ask Alice*, by Anonymous**
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit
9. ***Fallen Angels*, by Walter Dean Myers**
Reason: offensive language

***Blood and Chocolate*, by Annette Curtis Klause**

Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group