

Banned and Challenged Books

Books with Teen Appeal

Title/Author	Reason
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian/Sherman Alexie	Anti-family, cultural insensitivity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group, etc.
An Abundance of Katherines/John Green	Sexual references
Alice (Series)/Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint
Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging/Louise Rennison	Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl/Anne Frank	Anatomical descriptions, homosexual themes, sexual content, unsuited to age group
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret/ Judy Bloom	Anti-family, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
The Art of Racing in the Rain/Garth Stein	Sexually explicit
Batman: The Killing Joke (Graphic Text)/Alan Moore	Advocates rape and violence
Bone (Graphic Text)/Jeff Smith	Promotion of smoking and drinking
Bridge to Terabithia/Katherine Paterson	Occult/Satanism, offensive language
Captain Underpants (Series)/Dav Pilkey	Anti-family, offensive language, unsuited for age group, violence
Carrie/Stephen King	Occult/Satanism, offensive language, sexual content, unsuited to age group, violence, trash
A Child Called "It"/ Dave Pelzer	Graphic depiction of child abuse
The Chocolate War/Robert Cormier	Nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
Cujo/Stephen King	Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
Dragon Ball (Graphic Text)/Akira Toriyama	Nudity, violence
Drama (Graphic Text)/Raina Telgemeier	Sexually explicit
The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things/Carolyn Mackler	Anti-family, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
Eleanor & Park/Rainbow Rowell	Offensive language, sexual content, unsuited to age group
Ender's Game/Orson Scott Card	Offensive language, pornographic, unsuited to age group, violence
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close/Jonathan Safran Foer	Offensive language, sex, violence
The Face on the Milk Carton/Caroline Cooney	Challenge to authority, drugs, sexual content, unsuited to age group
Fahrenheit 451/Ray Bradbury	Offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexual content
The Fault in Our Stars/John Green	Offensive language, teen death, teen sex, unsuited to age group
Feed/M.T. Anderson	Offensive language, 'trash'
Forever.../Judy Blume	Offensive language, sexual content
Friday Night Lights/H. G. Bissenger	Offensive language, racism, sexual content
The Giver/Lois Lowry	Discusses suicide, euthanasia, graphic, sexual content, unsuited to age group
Go Ask Alice/Anonymous	Drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit
The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials Series)/Philip Pullman	Political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, and violence
Goosebumps (Series)/R. L. Stine	Demonic, occult/Satanism, unsuited to age group, violence
Gossip Girl (Series)/Cecily von Ziegesar	Drugs, homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
The Graveyard Book (Graphic Text)/Neil Gaiman	Violent imagery
Harry Potter (Series)/J. K. Rowling	Anti-family, occult/Satanism, religious viewpoint, violence
Hop on Pop/Theodor Seuss Geisel	Encourages violence against fathers

Title/Author	Reason
The House of Night Series/ P.C. and Kristin Cast	Occult/Satanism
The Hunger Games/Suzanne Collins	Anti-ethnic, anti-family, offensive language, occult/Satanism, sexually explicit, violence, etc.
I Hunt Killers/Barry Lyga	Violence
Identical/Ellen Hopkins	Unsuited to age group
James and the Giant Peach/Roald Dahl	Communism, drugs/alcohol, mysticism, offensive language, racism, sexual content, unsuited to age group
Junie B. Jones (Series)/Barbara Park	Bad grammar, promotes disobedience, takes liberties with spelling, uses "dumb" and "stupid"
The Kite Runner/Khaled Hosseini	Homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
A Light in the Attic/Shel Silverstein	Cannibalism, glorifies suicide, occult/Satanism, promotes disrespect, violence
Little Brother/Cory Doctorow	Promotes hacker culture, politics
Looking for Alaska/John Green	"Too racy to read"
Maus (Graphic Text)/Art Spiegelman	Anti-ethnic, unsuited for age group
Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary	Contains the term 'oral sex'
The Middle School Survival Guide/Arlene Erlbach	Sexual content, unsuited to age group
The Miseducation of Cameron Post/Emily M. Danforth	Offensive language, unsuited to age group
Nineteen Minutes/Jodi Picoult	Sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
No Fear Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet/William Shakespeare	Sexual content
The Outsiders/S. E. Hinton	Characters from broken homes, drugs/alcohol, sexual content, ungodly themes, violence
Paper Towns/ John Green	Misogynistic, offensive language, teen sex
The Perks of Being a Wallflower/Stephen Chobosky	Drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group, etc.
Persepolis (Graphic Text)/Marjane Satrapi	Gambling, graphic, profanity, political viewpoint, violent content
The Popularity Papers (Graphic Text)(Series)/Amy Ignatow	Political agenda, Unsuited to age group
Sandman (Graphic Text)/Neil Gaiman	Anti-family, offensive language, unsuited for age group
Shade's Children/Garth Nix	Obscene, vulgar themes
Slaughterhouse-Five/Kurt Vonnegut	Anti-ethnic, offensive language, sexism, sexually explicit, violence
Speak/Laurie Halse Anderson	Child pornography, date rape, unsuited to age group, violence
Summer of My German Soldier/Bette Greene	Offensive language, racism, sexually explicit
This One Summer (Graphic Text)/Jillian Tamaki	Sexual content, unsuited to age group
Tintin in America & Tintin in the Congo (Graphic Text)/Herge	Stereotypical and racist depictions of indigenous peoples
ttyl (Series)/Lauren Myracle	Drugs, nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
Tweak: Growing Up on Methamphetamines/Nic Sheff	Drugs, homosexuality
Twilight/Stephanie Meyer	Occult/Satanism, Religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
Two Boys Kissing/David Levithan	Condone public displays of affection, obscene, offensive language, unsuited to age group
Unwind/Neal Shusterman	Child abuse, drugs, offensive language, sex, suicide
Watchmen (Graphic Text)/Alan Moore	Unsuited to age group
Water for Elephants/Sara Gruen	Sexual content
What My Mother Doesn't Know/Sonya Sones	Nudity, offensive language, sexism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
Where's Waldo?/Martin Hanford	Nudity
A Wrinkle in Time/Madeleine L'Engle	Anti-religious, magic, mindreading, mysticism, occult/Satanism, witchcraft