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## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read

*Banned Books Week emphasizes the freedom to choose or to express one's opinion, even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, as well as the importance of ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to read them.*

### 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2008

1. **And Tango Makes Three**, *Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell*

Reasons: Anti-Ethnic, Anti-Family, Homosexuality, Religious Viewpoint, and Unsuitable to Age Group

2. **His Dark Materials Trilogy**, *Philip Pullman*

Reasons: Political Viewpoint, Religious Viewpoint, and Violence

3. **TTYL; TTFN; L8R, G8R (Series)**, *Lauren Myracle*

Reasons: Offensive Language, Sexually Explicit, and Unsuitable to Age Group

4. **Scary Stories (Series)**, *Alvin Schwartz*

Reasons: Occult/Satanism, Religious Viewpoint, and Violence

5. **Bless Me, Ultima**, *Rudolfo Anaya*

Reasons: Occult/Satanism, Offensive Language, Religious Viewpoint, Sexually Explicit, and Violence

6. **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**, *Stephen Chbosky*

Reasons: Drugs, Homosexuality, Nudity, Offensive Language, Sexually Explicit, Suicide, and Unsuitable to Age Group

7. **Gossip Girl (Series)**, *Cecily von Ziegesar*

Reasons: Offensive Language, Sexually Explicit, and Unsuitable to Age Group

8. **Uncle Bobby's Wedding**, *Sarah S. Brannen*

Reasons: Homosexuality and Unsuitable to Age Group

9. **The Kite Runner**, *Khaled Hosseini*

Reasons: Offensive Language, Sexually Explicit, and Unsuitable to Age Group

10. **Flashcards of My Life**, *Charise Mericle Harper*

Reasons: Sexually Explicit and Unsuitable to Age Group

Out of 513 challenges as reported to the Office for Intellectual Freedom

The week is called "Banned Books Week" although the majority of the books featured during the week are not banned, but have been challenged. A challenge is an attempt to ban or restrict materials. A successful challenge would result in materials being banned or restricted. Imagine how many more books might be challenged – and possibly banned or restricted – if not for the efforts of librarians, teachers, and booksellers who use Banned Books Week to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.ALA.ORG/BBOOKS](http://WWW.ALA.ORG/BBOOKS)**

# **THE 100 MOST FREQUENTLY CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 1990-2000**

A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of those materials. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others

1. **Scary Stories** (series) - Alvin Schwartz
2. **Daddy's Roommate** - Michael Willhoite
3. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** - Maya Angelou
4. **The Chocolate War** - Robert Cormier
5. **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** - Mark Twain
6. **Of Mice and Men** - John Steinbeck
7. **Harry Potter** (series) - J.K. Rowling
8. **Forever** - Judy Blume
9. **Bridge to Terabithia** - Katherine Paterson
10. **Alice** (series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
11. **Heather has Two Mommies** - Leslea Newman
12. **My Brother Sam is Dead** - James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
13. **The Catcher in the Rye** - J.D. Salinger
14. **The Giver** - Lois Lowry
15. **It's Perfectly Normal** - Robie Harris
16. **Goosebumps** (series) - R.L. Stine
17. **A Day No Pigs Would Die** - Robert Newton Peck
18. **The Color Purple** - Alice Walker
19. **Sex** - Madonna
20. **Earth's Children** (series) - Jean M. Auel
21. **The Great Gilly Hopkins** - Katherine Paterson
22. **A Wrinkle in Time** - Madeleine L'Engle
23. **Go Ask Alice** - Anonymous
24. **Fallen Angles** - Walter Dean Myers
25. **In the Night Kitchen** - Maurice Sendak
26. **The Stupids** (series) - Harry Allard
27. **The Witches** - Roald Dahl
28. **The New Joy of Gay Sex** - Charles Silverstein
29. **Anastasia Krupnik** (series) - Loise Lowry
30. **The Goats** - Brock Cole
31. **Kaffir Boy** - Mark Mathabane
32. **Blubber** - Judy Blume
33. **Killing Mr. Griffin** - Lois Duncan
34. **Halloween ABC** - Eve Merriam
35. **We All Fall Down** - Robert Cormier
36. **Final Exit** - Derek Humphry
37. **The Handmaid's Tale** - Margaret Atwood
38. **Julie of the Wolves** - Jean Craighead George
39. **The Bluest Eye** - Toni Morrison
40. **What's Happening to my Body? Book for Girls** - by Lynda Madaras
41. **To Kill a Mockingbird** - Harper Lee
42. **Beloved** - Toni Morrison
43. **The Outsiders** - S.E. Hinton
44. **The Pigman** - Paul Zindel
45. **Bumps in the Night** - Harry Allard
46. **Deenie** - Judy Blume
47. **Flowers for Algernon** - Daniel Keyes
48. **Annie on my Mind** - Nancy Garden
49. **The Boy Who Lost His Face** - Louis Sachar
50. **Cross Your Fingers, Spit in Your Hat** - Alvin Schwartz
51. **A Light in the Attic** - Shel Silverstein
52. **Brave New World** - Aldous Huxley
53. **Sleeping Beauty Trilogy** - A.N. Roquelaure
54. **Asking about Sex and Growing Up** - Joanna Cole
55. **Cujo** - Stephen King
56. **James and the Giant Peach** - Roald Dahl
57. **The Anarchist Cookbook** - William Powell
58. **Boys and Sex** - Wardell Pomeroy
59. **Ordinary People** - Judith Guest
60. **American Psycho** - Bret Easton Ellis
61. **What's Happening to My Body? Book for boys** - Lynda Madaras
62. **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret** - Judy Blume
63. **Crazy Lady** - Jame Conly
64. **Athletic Shorts** - Chris Crutcher
65. **Fade** - Robert Cormier
66. **Guess What?** - Mem Fox
67. **The House of Spirits** - Isabel Allende
68. **The Face on the Milk Carton** - Caroline Cooney
69. **Slaughterhouse Five** - Kurt Vonnegut
70. **Lord of the Flies** - William Golding
71. **Native Son** - Richard Wright
72. **Women on Top** - Nancy Friday
73. **Curses, Hexes and Spells** - Daniel Cohen
74. **Jack** - A.M. Homes
75. **Bless Me, Ultima** - Rudolfo A. Anaya
76. **Where Did I Come From?** - Peter Mayle
77. **Carrie** - Stephen King
78. **Tiger Eyes** - Judy Blume
79. **On My Honor** - Marion Dane Bauer
80. **Arizona Kid** - Ron Koertge
81. **Family Secrets** - Norma Klein
82. **Mommy Laid an Egg** - Babette Cole
83. **The Dead Zone** - Stephen King
84. **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** - Mark Twain
85. **Song of Solomon** - Toni Morrison
86. **Always Running** - Luis Rodriguez
87. **Private Parts** - Howard Stern
88. **Where's Waldo?** - Martin Hanford
89. **Summer of my German Soldier** - Bette Greene
90. **Little Black Sambo** - Helen Bannerman
91. **Pillars of the Earth** - Ken Follett
92. **Running Loose** - Chris Crutcher
93. **Sex Education** - Jenny Davis
94. **The Drowning of Stephen Jones** - Bette Greene
95. **Girls and Sex** - Wardell Pomeroy
96. **How to Eat Fried Worms** - Thomas Rockwell
97. **View From the Cherry Tree** - Willo Davis Roberts
98. **The Headless Cupid** - Zilpha Keatley Snyder
99. **The Terrorist** - Caroline Cooney
100. **Jump Ship to Freedom** - James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier