TOP TEN | MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2016

Of the 323 challenges recorded by the American Library Association in 2016, the top 10 challenged books are:

**This One Summer**
BY Mariko Tamaki
REASONS:
LGBT content, drug use, profanity, sexually explicit, mature themes

**Drama**
BY Raina Telgemeier
REASONS:
LGBT content, sexually explicit, offensive political viewpoint

**George**
BY Alex Gino
REASONS:
LGBT content, "sexuality"

**I Am Jazz**
BY Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
REASONS:
LGBT content, language, sex education, offensive viewpoints

**Two Boys Kissing**
BY David Levithan
REASONS:
LGBT content, sexually explicit

**Looking for Alaska**
BY John Green
REASON:
sexually explicit

**Big Hard Sex Criminals**
BY Matt Fraction
REASON:
sexually explicit

**Make Something Up: Stories You Can’t Unread**
BY Chuck Palahniuk
REASONS:
profanity, sexually explicit, “disgusting and all around offensive”

**The Day I Saw My Father Cry**
BY Bill Cosby
REASON:
criminal sexual allegations against the author

**Eleanor & Park**
BY Rainbow Rowell
REASON:
offensive language

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BOOK CHALLENGES
BY THE NUMBERS

Your words have the power to challenge censorship. Out of the hundreds of challenges ALA records every year, only about **10%** of books are removed from communal shelves, thanks to local literary champions such as librarians, students, and patrons.

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**WHERE ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?**

- **49%** Public Library
- **30%** School
- **20%** School Library
- **1%** Special Library

**82-97%** of challenges remain unreported

**WHO CHALLENGES BOOKS?**

- **31%** Patrons
- **42%** Parents
- **10%** Board/Administration
- **8%** Librarians/Teachers
- **2%** Political and Religious Groups
- **2%** Government
- **5%** Other

**WHY ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?**

- **LGBT**
- **Racism**
- **VIOLENCE**
- **OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE**
- **DEATH**
- **DANGEROUS AUTHOR**
- **INSENSITIVITY**
- **REligious Viewpoint**
- **SextoN Word**
- **Nudity**
- **Sexually Explicit**
- **Defies Authority**
- **Offensive**
- **SATANISM**
- **Satanic Rituals**
- **Profanity**
- **Excessive Police Force**
- **Art**
- **Illustrations**
- **Low Literary Value**
- **Racism**
- **Sex Education**
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- **Violence**
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