

TOP 11 CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2018

The American Library Association tracked **347 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2018. Of the 483 books that were challenged or banned in 2018, here are the top 11 most challenged:



1 | **George** by Alex Gino

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

Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ content, and for political and religious viewpoints



3 | **Captain Underpants series** written and illustrated by Dav Pilkey

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

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

Banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ characters and themes



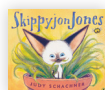
6 | **Thirteen Reasons Why** by Jay Asher

Banned, challenged, and restricted for addressing teen suicide



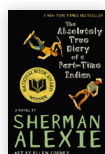
7 | **This One Summer** by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki

Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations



8 | **Skippyjon Jones series** written and illustrated by Judy Schachner

Challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture



9 | **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie

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

Challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content



11 | **Two Boys Kissing** by David Levithan

Challenged, burned, and hidden for including LGBTQIA+ content