TOP MOST CHALLENGED TEN BOOKS OF 2016

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

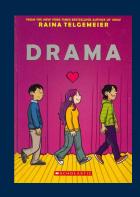


This One Summer

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"



l Am Jazz

BY Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings

REASONS:

LGBT content, language, sex education, offensive viewpoints



Two Boys **Kissing**

BY David Levithan

DEASONS:

LGBT content. sexually explicit



Looking for Alaska

BY John Green

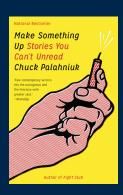
REASON: sexually explicit



Big Hard Sex **Criminals**

BY Matt Fraction

REASON: sexually explicit

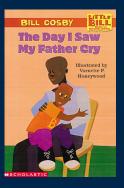


Make Something **Up: Stories You** Can't Unread

BY Chuck Palahniuk

REASONS:

profanity, sexually explicit, "disgusting and all around offensive"



Little Bill (series)

BY Bill Cosby

REASON:

criminal sexual allegations against the author

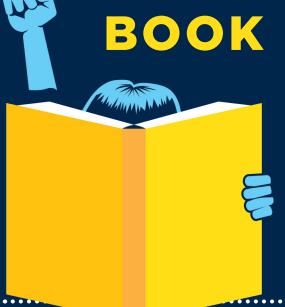


Eleanor & Park

BY Rainbow Rowell

REASON:

offensive language



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.

#WordsHavePower

WHERE ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?



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30% School



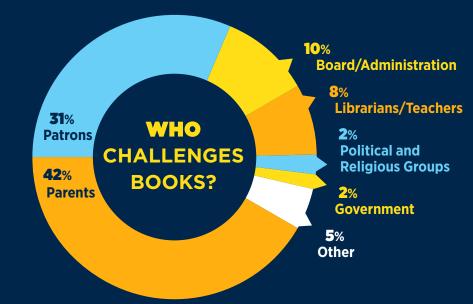


20%
School Library

1%
Special Library



82-97% of challenges remain unreported



WHY ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?

