

## Banned & Challenged Books

[The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

[Beyond Magenta: transgender teens speak out](#) by Susan Kuklin

Draws on six first-person interviews to share compassionate insights into the teen transgender experience, tracing each individual's emotional and physical journey as it was shaped by family dynamics, living situations and the transition each teen made during the personal journey toward acknowledgement of gender preference.

[The Bluest Eye](#) by Toni Morrison

Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl in an America whose love for blonde, blue-eyed children can devastate all others, prays for her eyes to turn blue, so that she will be beautiful, people will notice her, and her world will be different.

[George](#) by Alex Gino

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.

[The Handmaid's Tale](#) by Margaret Atwood

Offred, a Handmaid, describes life in what was once the United States, now the Republic of Gilead, a shockingly repressive and intolerant monotheocracy, in a satirical tour de force set in the near future.

[The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas

After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

[Speak](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

A traumatic event in the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year of high school.

[Stamped: racism, antiracism, and you](#) by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner *Stamped from the Beginning*.

[This One Summer](#) by Mariko Tamaki

Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens.

Sources:

ALA's Top Most Challenged Books Lists

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10>

Novelist Plus

<https://www.scls.lib.wi.us/cgi-bin/libauth.cgi?connectto=NOVPLUS>