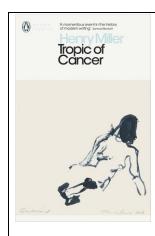
# List of banned books

Note: If a date is not explicitly written or mentioned about the book being unbanned, it is currently banned.

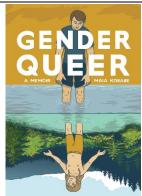
Book cover	Title, Author & Year of Publication	Reasons for being banned	Banned/censored in what countries
GEORGE DIWELL  1904	1984 (1949) by George Orwell	Pro-communist Contains explicit sexual matter Social and political themes such as censorship and privacy Nationalism Sexual repression	Banned in some schools in the United States Cuba It was banned in the Soviet Union until 1988
"Full av förundran, bopp och betydelsen av att få vara den man är."  GEGRGE  ALEX GINO	George (2015) by Alex Gino	Religious viewpoint Controversial issues LGBTQIA+	States in the United States Kansas decided not to include this novel in district libraries
Glass Castle  Jeannette Walls  Frige and coining at the water time, one notrageous story, one that will break your heart'  Study Independent	The Glass Castle (2005) by Jeannette Walls	Offensive language Sexually explicit Racist explicit	Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



### **Tropic of Cancer (1934)**

by Henry Miller

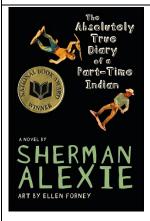
Sexual exploits as an expatriate in France Sadomasochistic sex Prostitution Statutory rape Obscene United States Canada Banned in Australia until the 1970s



Gender Queer: A Memoir (2019)

by Maia Kobabe

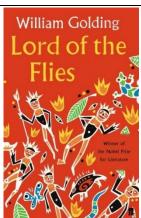
LGBTQIA+ content Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian (2007)

by Sherman Alexie

Profanity Sexually explicit Violence Gambling Underage drinking Religious viewpoints Racism Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Florida

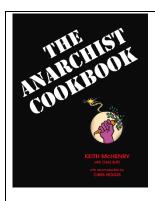


Lord of the Flies (1954)

by William Golding

Profanity
Pro-slavery ideology
Lurid passages about sex
Racial slurs
Excessive violence
Defamatory to minorities,
God, women and the disabled

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States

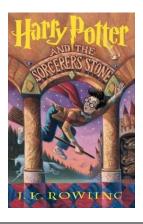


The Anarchist Cookbook (1969)

by William Powell

Promotes and instructs in matters of crime and violence

Australia

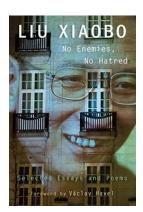


Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (1997)

by J.K Rowling

Promotes witchcraft and occult (perceived as inappropriate for children) Some religious groups argue that the magic that is portrayed is contrary to their beliefs such as it being un-Islamic.
Violence
Dark tone

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States The United Arab Emirates

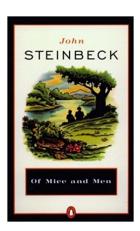


No Enemies, No Hatred (2011)

by Liu Xiaobo

The phrase 'empty chair' caused the Chinese authorities to ban it immediately. This collection of essays and poems is about peacefully defending human rights in China (causing the ban).

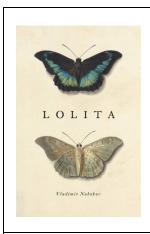
China (all of the author's books are banned)



Of Mice and Men (1937)

by John Steinbeck

Racist Epithets and slurs Depressing themes Profanity and Vulgarity Offensive Language Having homosexual undertones Unsuitable for young children This novel has often been the target of censorship and bans in countries such as Ireland and the United States.



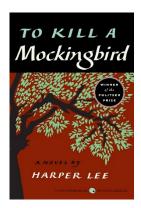
#### Lolita (1955)

by Vladimir Nabokov

The subject and plot of the book: a paedophile's lust and sexual attraction to a 12-year-old girl.

Obscene

Argentina United Kingdom South Africa New Zealand France Canada



#### To Kill a Mockingbird (1960)

by Harper Lee

Unsuitable for young readers Racism, ex. uses the n-word Portrays white supremacy Sexuality Political reasons One of the most banned and challenged books in the United State South Africa (in the 1960s but not banned now)

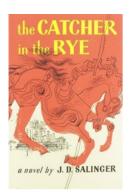


#### One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest (1962)

by Ken Kesey

It confronts social and political issues
Being pornographic
Glorifies criminal activity, ex. corrupt juveniles,
dismemberment, death,
violence
Descriptions of bestiality

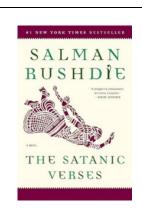
America: The attempts have lasted decades in the United States, and since the 2000s, the novel has become one of the most commonly banned books.



#### The Catcher in the Rye (1951)

by J.D. Salinger

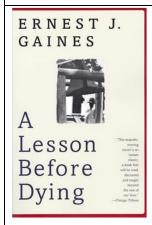
Portrayal of authority figures The protagonist's rebellious demeanour and questioning of Asian societies Offensive language Accused of being racist, misogynist, ableist and blasphemous the most censored book in high schools and libraries in places such as the United States East Asia



## The Satanic Verses (1988) by Salman Rushdie

Two passages were specifically triggering: the depiction of the Prophet Muhammad as a false prophet and that the angel Gabriel had delivered the incorrect verses of the Quran blasphemous references The author was accused of misusing the freedom of speech

(This received a significant amount of backlash and protests from Muslims worldwide.) Western Asia, ex. India Middle East South Africa

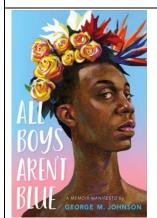


A Lesson Before Dying (1993)

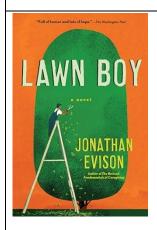
by Ernest J. Gaines

Sex Violence Profanity

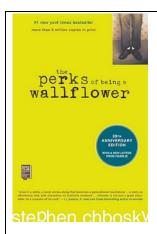
Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson LGBTQIA+ content Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



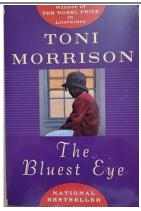
Lawn Boy (2018) by Jonathan Evison LGBTQIA+ content Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



Perks of Being a Wallflower (1999)

by Stephen Chbosky

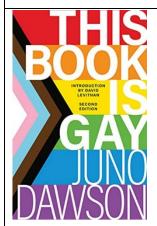
Sexual abuse LGBTQIA+ Drug/alcohol/smoking use Profanity Anti-family Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Bluest Eye (1970)

by Toni Morrison

Sexual abuse EDI content Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



This Book is Gay (2014)

by Juno Dawson

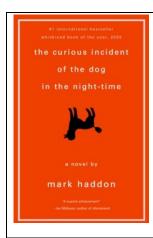
LGBTQIA+ content Providing sexual education Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Complete Persepolis (2000)

by Marjane Satrapi

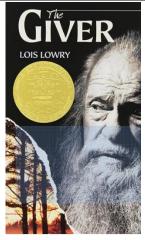
Gambling Profanity Political viewpoints Said to be "politically, racially and socially offensive" Graphic depictions Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States Iran Was banned in Lebanon (but is now removed)



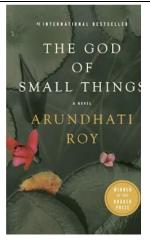
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (2003)

by Mark Haddon

Profanity Religious viewpoints Atheism Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



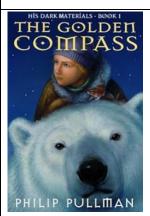
The Giver (1993) by Lois Lowry Sexual content Violence Drug usage Infanticide Suicide Euthanasia Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The God of Small Things (1997)

by Arundhati Roy

Explicit sexual content and themes relating to sexuality, ex. incestuous relationship Depiction of Hindu and Christian sex Obscenity Moral impropriety Caste discrimination South and Southeast Asia

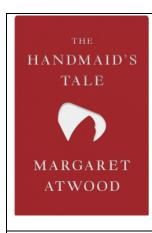


The Golden Compass (1995)

by Philip Pullman

Religious viewpoints

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Handmaid's Tale (1985)

by Margaret Atwood

Profanity Vulgarity and sexual overtones Discusses feminism and extremism Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States





The Hate U Give (2017)

by Angie Thomas

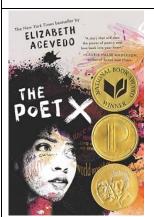
Profanity Violence, ex. police violence Promote an anti-police message Indoctrination of a social agenda Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United States



The Kite Runner (2003)

by Khaled Hosseini

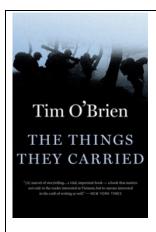
Sexual violence Thought to lead to terrorism and promote Islam Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Poet X (2018)

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Claims to violate the freedom of religion because the teenage protagonist questions the Catholic faith Deals with issues around race and sexuality Banned in some states in the United States



The Things They Carried (1990)

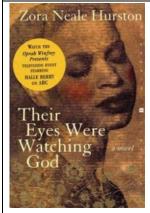
by Tim O'Brien

Sexual content Profanity Violence Drug use

Depictions of war-time, death

and cruelty

Banned in some states in the United States



Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937)

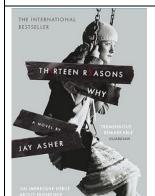
by Zora Neale Hurston

Sexual abuse Violence Objectification of women

Obscenity

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the

**United States** 



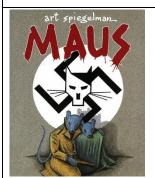
**Thirteen Reasons Why (2007)** 

by Jay Asher

Addresses teen suicide

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the

**United States** 



Maus (1986)

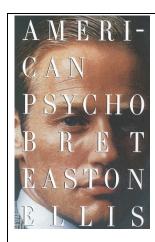
by Art Spiegelman

Details the horrors of the Nazi invasion and Holocaust Profanity Suicide Nazi propaganda Nudity

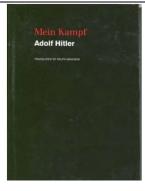
The whitewashing of historical

events

Banned in some states in the United States Russia



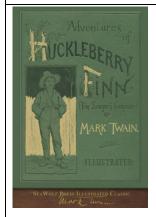
American Psycho (1991) by Bret Easton Ellis Depiction of torture and murder Rape Cannibalism Necrophilia Australia



Mein Kampf (1925) Adolf Hitler

Banned to limit Hitler's influence

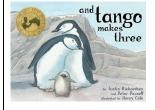
Banned in several European governments, ex. Austria, Germany and The Netherlands



Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884)

by Mark Twain

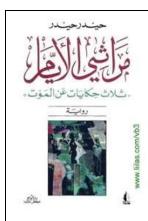
Racist language, ex. the use of the N-word Unethical Offensive language Caused protests Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States The n-word was censured and changed to the word slave in the United States



And Tango Makes Three (2005)

by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell Homosexual content like homosexual parenting

Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United States Singapore Hong Kong

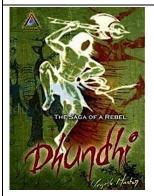


A Feast for the Seaweeds (1983)

by Haidar Haidar

Gender equality
Liberalism
Dictatorship in the Arab world
Accusations of blasphemy
Defamation of Islamic values

Egypt Syria

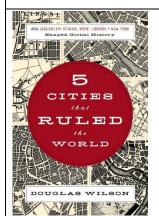


Dhundi (2013)

by Yogesh Master

Contained materials against the god Ganesha

India



Five Cities That Ruled the World

by Douglas Wilson

Accused of blasphemy

Indonesia

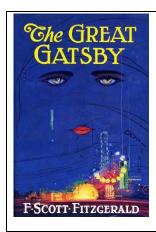


The Dark

by John McGahern

Indecent or obscene

It was banned in Ireland (but lifted in 1972)



The Great Gatsby (1925)

by F. Scott Fitzgerald

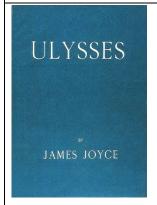
References to drugs sexual language The amount of partying depicted in the book The nature of Gatsby's and Daisy's relationship profanity the most censored book in high schools and libraries in places such as the United States



Brave New World (1932)

by Aldous Huxley

Sexual content Promiscuity Anti-religious/atheistic beliefs Anti-family Drug-use Profanity Suicide Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States Ireland Australia India



Ulysses (1922)

by James Joyce

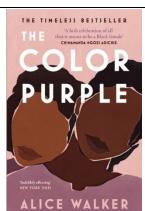
Sexual explicity, ex. The main character pleasured himself Graphic depiction of bodily functions Obscene Blasphemy

Expresses coarse and barbaric thoughts
Unfit for public reading

It was officially banned in England in 1929 It was banned in Canada and

the United States because of the mass burning of the novel

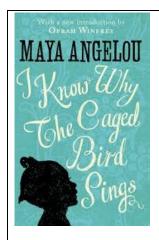
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The Color Purple (1982)

by Alice Walker

Offensive language Sexually explicit Unsuited for certain age groups Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Florida



I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (1969)

by Maya Angelou

Sexually explicit

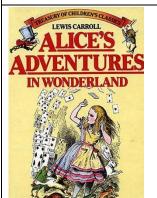
Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Alabama and Washington



Nineteen Minutes (2007)

by Jodi Picoult

Referring to rape Offensive description Depiction of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement Sadomasochistic abuse Excretion Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



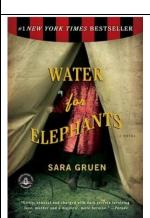
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1865) + Looking Through the Looking Glass

by Lewis Carroll

Expletives and alluded to masturbating and other sexual fantasies
Diminished in the eyes of children about the statues of certain authority figures
Endowing animals with human language

Religious reasons

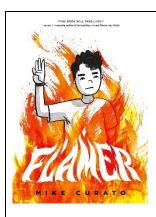
China



Water for Elephants (2006)

by Sara Gruen

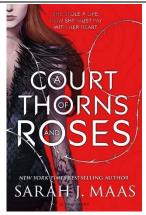
Sexual content Violence Extensive use of swear words Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. New Hampshire



Flamer (2020)

by Mike Curato

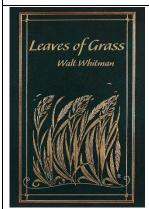
LGBTQIA+ content Sexually explicit Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Texas



A Court of Thorns and Roses series (2015-2021)

by Sarah J. Maas

Sexual explicit content Portrayals of mature relationship dynamics Promotes witchcraft with violence and moral ambiguity Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



Leaves of Grass (1855)

by Walt Whitman

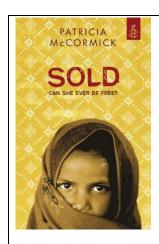
Sexual references Homoeroticism Obscene The United States: Banned in Boston - booksellers agreed to not sell nor advertise the book Banned from libraries across the United States



Looking for Alaska (2005)

by John Green

Sexually explicit content Offensive language Usage of drugs, alcohol and smoking Normalising dishonesty and hazing Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Tennessee

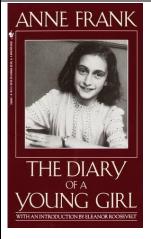


Sold (2006)

by Patricia McCormick

Sexually explicit content, ex. rape

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Texas



The Diary of a Young Girl (1947)

by Anne Frank

The description of puberty, ex. describing the changes Anne Frank notices in her body Graphic passages Sexual violence in the matter of torture during the war Description of the horrors of the Holocaust Portray Jews in a toofavourable light

Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States, ex. Virginia Lebanon

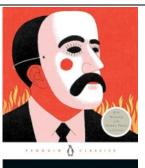


Jane Eyre (1847)

by Charlotte Bronte

Socially corrupting the youth during the Cultural Revolution

China

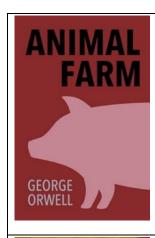


Mr. President (1946)

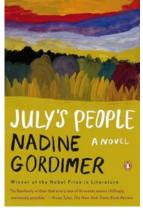
by Miguel Ángel Asturias

Theme about political dictatorship (drawn from real-life presidents)

Central America



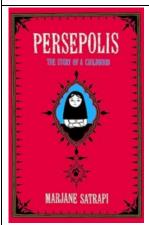
Animal Farm (1945) by George Orwell Is not pro-Castroism Criticise and satirist depiction of communism Caribbean: Cuba It was banned in the Soviet Union and other communist countries



July's People (2001)

by Nadine Gordimer

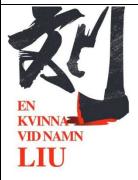
Racist Sexist Not uplifting Africa: banned from the school system



Persepolis (2000)

by Marjane Satrapi

Portrayal of sex Depicts the events of the Iranian Revolution, ex. graphic panels that show dissidents being tortured by the Iranian government Countries such as Iran and the United States



The Woman Surnamed Liu (2011)

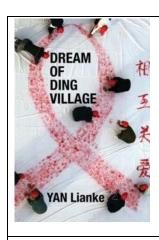
by Zhang Yihe

Showing the reality of the torture happening in the Chinese imprisonment

China (It was quickly banned after its release)

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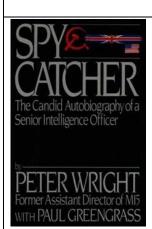
Bokförlaget Wanzhi



Dream of Ding Village (2006) by Yan Lianke Banned for portraying the Chinese government as responsible for the spread of AIDS in Chinese villages China (The book was banned after three days on the market by the Chinese government)

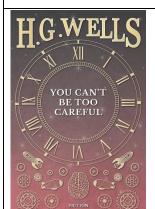
Castration of the Wind (1984) by Prvoslav VuJČiĆ It criticised the communist government of Yugoslavia

Was banned in the former Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia (later republished in Serbia in 2005)



Spycatcher (1987) by Peter Wright Revealed government secrets (UK)

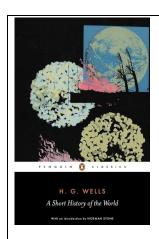
The United Kingdom tried to stop the publishing in the country but failed, and the book was published in Australia



You Can't Be Too Careful (1941)

by H.G. Wells

Criticised the catholic church Mention of the bombing of the city of Guernica in 1937 (Franco was the one who initiated the bombing) Spain under the Franco regime



A Short History of the World (1922)

by H.G. Wells

Socialistic tendencies Criticise the Catholic Church Criticise the Spanish Civil War Spain under the Franco regime



Shanghai Baby (1999)

by Wei Hui

Usage of drugs Being unethical China



Short Skirt (1998)

by Christina Wahldén

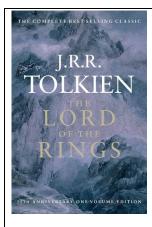
Rape Contains explicit sexual matter Not suitable for a younger audience Banned and challenged in some school districts in Sweden ex. Hammarö



A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo (2018)

by Jull Twiss & Eg Keller

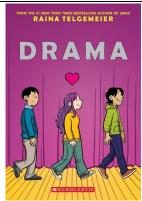
LGBTQIA+ content Having a political orientation Joked about the then-vice president being homophobic The United States



Lord of the Rings Trilogy (1954-1955)

by J.R.R Tolkien

satanism Accused of being against Christianity The use of magic and supernatural Banned in some states in the United States, for example. New Mexico



Drama (2012)

by Raina Telgemeier

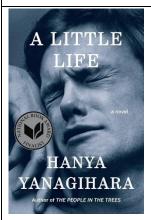
LGBTQIA+ content

Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United states



This One Summer (2014)

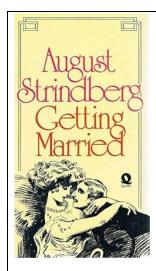
by Mariko Tamaki & Jillian Tamaki The usage of drugs Sexual explicit Use of swearwords LGBTQIA+ content Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United states



A Little Life: A Novel (2015)

By Hanya Yanagihara

substance abuse sexual assault depression rape and incest depiction of paedophiles and child sexual assault Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United states

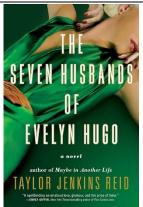


Getting Married (1884)

by August Strindberg

Accusations of blasphemy

Sweden (The book was banned after four days on the market.)



The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

By Taylor Jenkins Reid

LGBTQIA+ Content

Banned in Florida



A Bad Boy Can Be Good For A Girl (2006)

by Tanya Lee Stone

Sexual depiction Usage of drugs, alcohol and smoking Nudity Banned in some places in the United States



THE BEAST FROM THE EAST

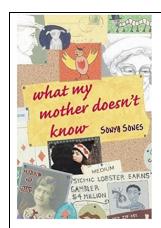
Goosebumps series (1992-1997)

by R.L. Stine

Violent and scary content

Banned in some states in the United States

Sexual depiction

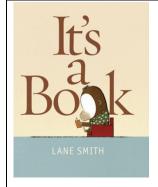


What My Mother Doesn't Know (2001)

by Sonya Sones

w (2001) Controversial

Banned in some states in the United States



It's a Book (2010)

by Lane Smith

Because the last word in the novel is "jackass"

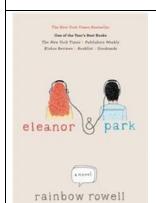
Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United States



The Shades of Magic series (2015-2017)

by V.E Schwab

LGBTQIA+ content: Homosexual propaganda Russia

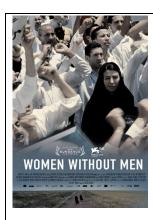


Eleanor & Park (2012)

by Rainbow Rowell

The frequent use of swearwords

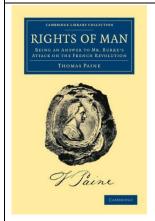
Banned in some places in the United States



Zanan-e Bedun-e Mardan / Women without Men (1989)

by Shahrnush Parsipur

Disturbing content Rape, failed marriage, virginity Prostitution Didn't follow Islamic values Propaganda for promiscuity Iran (the author was imprisoned for more than a month twice, and all the books written by the author were banned in the country)

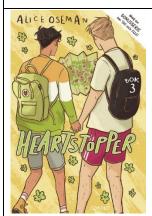


Rights of Man (1791)

by Thomas Paine

Showed support towards the French Revolution

The United Kingdom



Heartstopper (2016)

by Alice Oseman

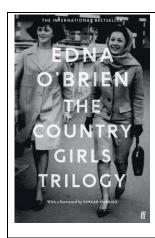
LGBTQIA+ content: Homosexual propaganda Banned and challenged in some libraries in the United States, ex. Wyoming Hungary Turkey (only allowed to be sold in a brown envelope with the following text: "Dangerous for children")



Death Note (2004-2020)

by Tsugumi Ohba & Takeshi Obata Banned to protect the students' physical and mental health

Banned in some school districts in Shenyang, China (in 2015, banned by the then Ministry of Culture)

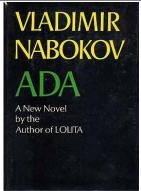


The Country Girls Trilogy (1960-1964)

by Edna O'Brien

Goes against the conservative norms, ex. female sexuality

Ireland (the first book in the series was burned in protest)

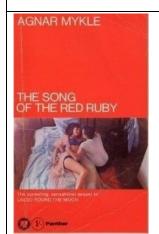


Ada or Ardor: A Family Chronicle (1969)

by Vladimir Nabokov

Having explicit and controversial content, ex. incest

South Africa Argentina Turkey France

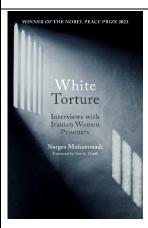


The Song of the Red Ruby (1956)

by Agnar Mykle

Depicted sex

Norway



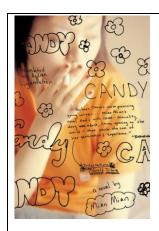
White Torture (2021)

by Narges Mohammadi

Depiction of life in an Iranian prison

Iran

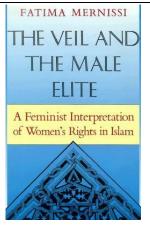
China



Candy (2000)

Said to be harmful for the soul

by Mian Mian



The Veil and The Male Elite -A Feminist Interpretation of Women's Rights in Islam (1987)

by Fatema Mernissi

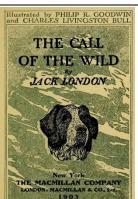
Misrepresented Islam Marocko



Red, White & Royal Blue (2019)

by Casey McQuiston

LGBTQIA+ content: The romantic partners are homosexual Depiction of sexual activity Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United states



The Call of the Wild (1903)

by Jack London

Violence

Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United States

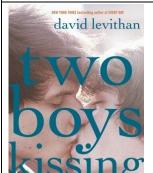


Piccolo Blu E Piccolo Giallo/Little blue and little yellow (1959)

by Leo Lionni

Contained subjects that were better to be talked about at home than in schools

Banned and challenged in some school districts in Venice, Italy

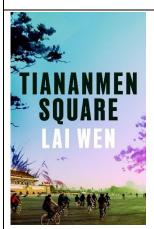


Two Boys Kissing (2013)

by David Levithan

LGBTQIA+ content: Depicting homosexual teenagers kissing each other

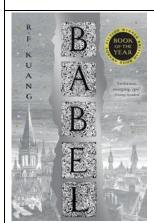
Banned and challenged in some school districts in the United states, ex. Utah Russia



Tianamen Square (2024)

by Lai Wen

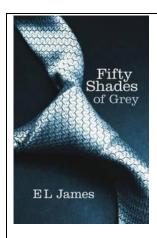
Raise awareness and depict the student-led demonstrations held in Tiananmen Square, which killed a number of people China



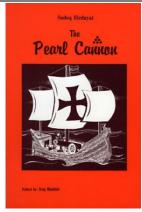
Babel (2023)

by R.F. Kuang

The author talks openly about the political taboo in China, for example. her father's involvement in the demonstrations held in Tiananmen Square China (not allowed to be nominated nor win the Hugo Award)



Fifty Shades of Grey (2011) by E.L. James Sexual content, ex. pornographic and sadistic scenes Banned in some places in the United States Brazil Malaysia

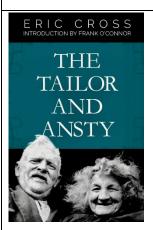


The Pearl Cannon (1947) by Sadeq Hedayat Criticise religion, tyranny, monarchy, and superstitions in Iran Iran



The Boys (2006-2012)

by Garth Ennis & Derrick Robertson Violence Sexual explicit content Qatar Banned in some libraries in Queensland, Australia

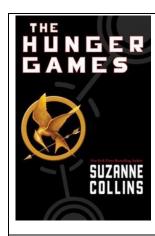


Tailor and Ansty (1942)

by Eric Cross

Depiction of premarital sex and general openness about

Ireland



The Hunger Games (2008) by Suzanne Collins Depiction of violence Critic against traditional family values Banned and challenged in some school districts and libraries in the United States

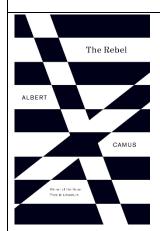


Bien Trop Petit (2022)

by Manu Causse

Pornographic content sold to minors

France

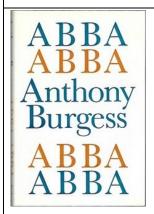


The Rebel (1951)

by Albert Camus

banned due to the subject that is touched upon in the book

Banned in Poland between 1976 and 1989

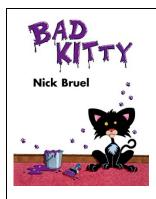


Abba Abba (1977)

by Anthony Burgess

Banned due to the discussion about God

South Africa



Bad Kitty (2005)

by Nick Bruel

Bad influence on children The use of swear words Banned in some places in the United States



Uten en Tråd (1966)

by Jens BjØrneboe

Depiction of sex

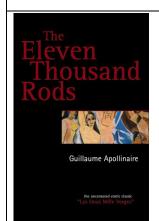
Norway



Vagánybagoly és a harmadik á, avagy mindenki lehet más (2019)

by Zsófia Bán

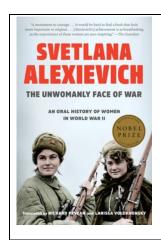
Spread information about homosexuality and gender affirming surgery in children Hungary



The Eleven Thousand Rods (1907)

by Guillaume Apollinaire

Obsence Hurt people's feelings Turkey



Voices of Utopia (1985 & 2013)

by Svetlana Aleksijevitj

Labelled as extremist literature

Belarus