

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2023

### MOST FREQUENTLY CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2022

1. Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe  
# of challenges: 151  
Format/Audience: Graphic Novel (Nonfiction)/Young Adult or Adult  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA content; claimed to be sexually explicit
2. All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson  
# of challenges: 86  
Format/Audience: Book (Biography)/Young Adult or Adult  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA content; claimed to be sexually explicit
3. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison  
# of challenges: 73  
Format/Audience: Book (Fiction)  
Reason for Challenges: depiction of sexual abuse; EDI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) Content; claimed to be sexually explicit
4. Flamer by Mike Curato  
# of Challenges: 62  
Format/Audience: Graphic Novel/YA graphic novel; Young Adult or Adult  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA+ content; claimed to be sexually explicit
5. Looking For Alaska by John Green TIE  
# of Challenges: 55  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA+ content; claimed to be sexually explicit

5. The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky TIE  
# of Challenges: 55  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult  
Reason for Challenges: Depiction of sexual abuse; LGBTQIA+ content; drug use; profanity; claimed to be sexually explicit
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7. Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison  
# of Challenges: 54  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult or Adult  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA+ content; claimed to be sexually explicit
8. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie  
# of Challenges: 52  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult  
Reason for Challenges: profanity; claimed to be sexually explicit
9. Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez  
# of Challenges: 50  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult  
Reason for Challenges: Depictions of abuse; claimed to be sexually explicit
10. A Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J. Maas TIE  
# of Challenges: 48  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult or Adult Science Fiction  
Reason for Challenges: Claimed to be sexually explicit
10. Crank by Ellen Hopkins TIE  
# of Challenges: 48  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult  
Reason for Challenges: Drug use; claimed to be sexually explicit

11. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews TIE  
# of Challenges: 48  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult or Adult  
Reason for Challenges: Profanity; claimed to be sexually explicit
  
12. This Book Is Gay by Juno Dawson TIE  
# of Challenges: 48  
Format/Audience: Book/Young Adult or Adult Nonfiction  
Reason for Challenges: LGBTQIA+ content; providing sexual education;  
claimed to be sexually explicit