

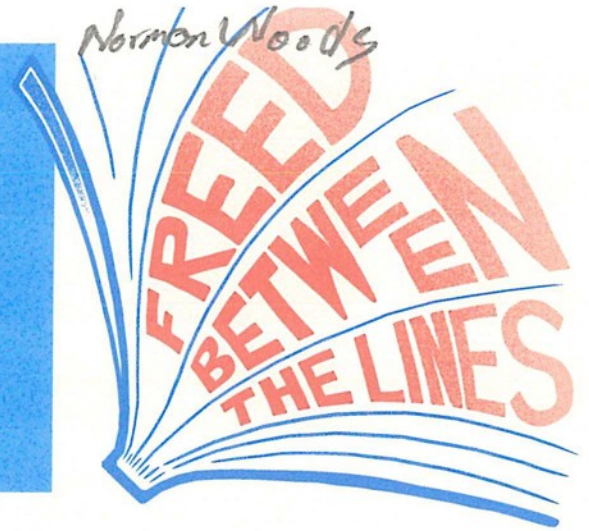
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TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2023

The American Library Association documented **1,247 attempts to censor** materials and services at libraries, schools, and universities in 2023. Of the **4,240 unique titles** that were challenged or banned in 2023, here are the top 10 most frequently challenged.



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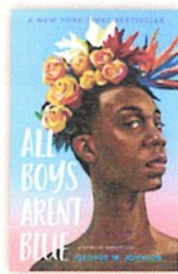


GENDER QUEER

by Maia Kobabe

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

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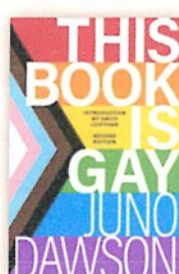


ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE

by George M. Johnson

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

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THIS BOOK IS GAY

by Juno Dawson

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, sex education, claimed to be sexually explicit

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THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

by Stephen Chbosky

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, LGBTQIA+ content, rape, drugs, profanity

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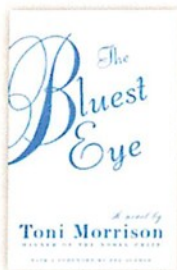


FLAMER

by Mike Curato

REASONS: LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit

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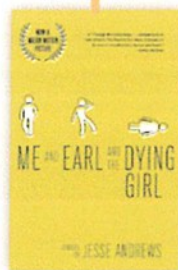


THE BLUEST EYE

by Toni Morrison

REASONS: rape, incest, claimed to be sexually explicit, EDI content

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ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL

by Jesse Andrews

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, profanity

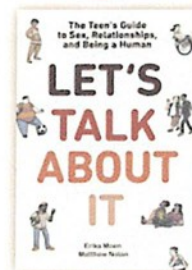


TRICKS

by Ellen Hopkins

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, drugs, rape, LGBTQIA+ content

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

by Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, sex education, LGBTQIA+ content

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SOLD

by Patricia McCormick

REASONS: claimed to be sexually explicit, rape



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