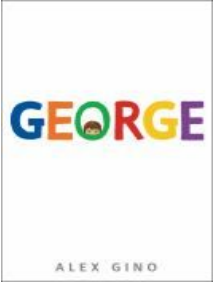

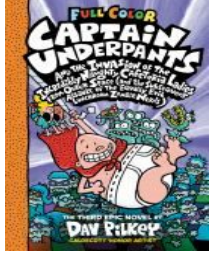
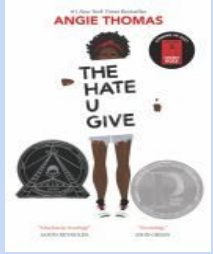
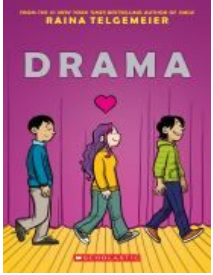



## Banned Books List: Top 11 Most Challenged Books of 2018

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 347 challenges to library, school and university materials and services in 2018. Of the 483 books challenged or banned in 2018, the Top 11 Most Challenged Books are:

BOOK COVER	TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	<p><b><u>GEORGE</u></b>  <b>Author: Alex Gino</b>  <b>Call Number: J GINO</b>            Reasons: challenged, banned, restricted, and hidden to avoid controversy; for LGBTQIA+ content and a transgender character; because schools and libraries should not “put books in a child’s hand that require discussion”; for sexual references; and for conflicting with a religious viewpoint and “traditional family structure”</p>
	<p><b><u>A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MARLON BUNDO</u></b>  <b>Author: Jill Twiss</b>  <b>Call Number: Digital eBook</b>            Reasons: Challenged and vandalized for LGBTQIA+ content and political viewpoints, for concerns that it is “designed to pollute the morals of its readers,” and for not including a content warning</p>
	<p><b><u>CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS SERIES</u></b>  <b>Author: Dav Pilkey</b>  <b>Call Number: J PILKEY</b>            Reasons: series was challenged because it was perceived as encouraging disruptive behavior, while Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot was challenged for including a same-sex couple</p>
	<p><b><u>THE HATE U GIVE</u></b>  <b>Author: Angie Thomas</b>  <b>Call Number: YA F THOMAS</b>            Reasons: banned and challenged because it was deemed “anti-cop,” and for profanity, drug use, and sexual references</p>
	<p><b><u>DRAMA</u></b>  <b>Author: Raina Telgemeier</b>  <b>Call Number: GN J TELGEMEIER</b>            Reasons: Challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and for concerns that it goes against “family values/morals”</p>
	<p><b><u>THIRTEEN REASONS WHY</u></b>  <b>Author: Jay Asher</b>  <b>Call Number: Digital eBook &amp; eAudiobook</b>            Reasons: banned and challenged for including LGBTQIA+ characters and themes</p>

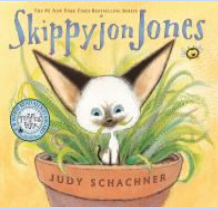


### [THIS ONE SUMMER](#)

**Author: Mariko Tamaki**

**Call Number: YA F TAMAKI**

Reasons: banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations

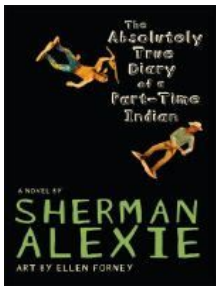


### [SKIPPYJON JONES SERIES](#)

**Author: Judy Schachner**

**Call Number: E SCHACHNER**

Reason: challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture

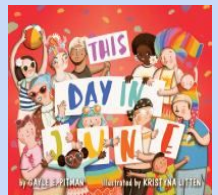


### [THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN](#)

**Author: Sherman Alexie**

**Call Number: YA F ALEXIE**

Reasons: banned and challenged for sexual references, profanity, violence, gambling, and underage drinking, and for its religious viewpoint

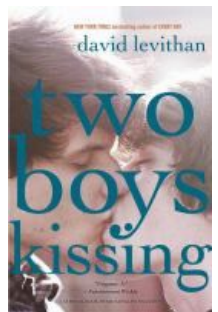


### [THIS DAY IN JUNE](#)

**Author: Gayle E. Pitman**

**Call Number: E PITMAN**

Reason: challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content



### [TWO BOYS KISSING](#)

**Author: David Levithan**

**Call Number: University Holdings**

Reason: challenged and burned for including LGBTQIA+ content