



100 Years, 100 Frequently Challenged Children's Books

Reading banned and challenged books benefits our worldview, our empathy, and our democracy. Often challenged books are the titles we need most on our shelves.

That's why the American Library Association's [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) is honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week with this list of children's books that have been banned or threatened with removal (challenged) in libraries and schools. Some deemed these titles inappropriate for all children for reasons such as scariness, sex education, religious viewpoint, and LGBTQIA+ characters and themes.

Readers should choose for themselves and for their families what to read. Learn more about defending the freedom to read and Banned Books Week at ala.org/bbooks

- *Something Upstairs* by Avi
- *Goosebumps (series)* by R.L. Stine
- *Curious George (series)* by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey
- *The Travels of Babar* by Jean de Brunhoff
- *Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson
- *Skippyjon Jones (series)* by Judy Schachner
- *The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
- *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
- *Harry Potter (series)* by J.K. Rowling
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
- *The Devil's Storybook* by Natalie Babbitt
- *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Marlon Bundo and Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller
- *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George, illustrated by John Schoenherr
- *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
- *Who's in a Family?* by Robert Skutch, illustrated by Laura Nienhaus
- *Where Did I Come From?* by Peter Mayle, illustrated by Arthur Robins
- *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen
- *The Amazing Bone* by William Steig
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)* by Jeff Kinney
- *How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell
- *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristyna Litten


- *The Adventures of Tintin (series)* by Hergé
- *Smoky Night* by Eve Bunting, illustrated by David Diaz
- *Anastasia Krupnik (series)* by Lois Lowry
- *Blubber* by Judy Blume
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *I Saw Esau* by Iona Opie and Peter Opie, illustrated by Maurice Sendak

- *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite
- *Guess What?* by Mem Fox, illustrated by Vivienne Goodman
- *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (series)* by Alvin Schwartz, illustrated Stephen Gammell
- *Cross Your Fingers, Spit in Your Hat* by Alvin Schwartz, illustrated by Glen Rounds
- *Walter the Farting Dog* by William Kotzwinkle, Glenn Murray, illustrated by Audrey Colman
- *Junie B. Jones (series)* by Barbara Park, illustrated by Denise Brunkus
- *Nightmares: Poems to Trouble Your Sleep* by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Arnold Lobel
- *Bumps in the Night* by Harry Allard, illustrated by James Marshall
- *It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health* by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Michael Emberley
- *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Laura Cornell
- *Halloween ABC* by Eve Merriam, illustrated by Lane Smith
- *Jacob's New Dress* by Sarah Hoffman and Ian Hoffman, illustrated by Chris Case
- *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, illustrated by Henry Cole
- *The Indian in the Cupboard (series)* by Lynne Reid Banks
- *Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit!!* by Michael Willhoite
- *Revolting Rhymes* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems & Drawings of Shel Silverstein* by Shel Silverstein

- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *Outside Over There* by Maurice Sendak
- *Strega Nona* written and illustrated by Tomie DePaola
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret.* by Judy Blume
- *King and King* by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland
- *The Chronicles of Narnia (series)* by C. S. Lewis
- *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco
- *The Witches* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
- *Where's Waldo? (series)* by Martin Handford
- *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak
- *Inner City Mother Goose* by Eve Merriam
- *The Dollhouse Murders* by Betty Ren Wright
- *Alice (series)* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

- *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes
- *Draw Me a Star* by Eric Carle
- *The Family Book* by Todd Parr
- *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
- *Soup* by Robert Newton Peck
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
- *Fear Street (series)* by R.L. Stine
- *Shrek!* by William Steig
- *Bad Kitty (series)* by Nick Bruel
- *Bone (series)* by Jeff Smith
- *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep
- *Freaky Friday* by Mary Rodgers

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- *George* by Alex Gino
 - *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
 - *It's a Book* by Lane Smith
 - *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
 - *The Story of Little Black Sambo* by Helen Bannerman
 - *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
 - *What's Happening to My Body? (series)* by Lynda Madaras with Area Madaras
 - *The View From the Cherry Tree* by Willo Davis Roberts
 - *The Boy Who Lost His Face* by Louis Sachar
 - *Father Christmas* by Raymond Briggs
 - *Curses, Hexes, and Spells* by Daniel Cohen
 - *Captain Underpants (series)* by Dav Pilkey

- *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas
 - *Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan* by Jeanette Winter
 - *Little House (series)* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams
 - *The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
 - *The Headless Cupid* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder, illustrated by Alton Raible
 - *Mommy Laid An Egg: Or, Where Do Babies Come From?* by Babette Cole
 - *It's So Amazing!: A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families* by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Michael Emberley
 - *The Stupids (series)* by Harry Allard, illustrated by James Marshall
 - *The Dirty Cowboy* by Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Adam Rex
 - *Molly's Family* by Nancy Garden, illustrated by Sharon Wooding
 - *My Mom's Having A Baby* by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Carol Thompson
 - *Jump Ship to Freedom* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
 - *"What's Happening to Me?" A Guide to Puberty* by Peter Mayle, illustrated by Arthur Robins
 - *Pinkerton, Behave!* by Steven Kellogg
 - *His Dark Materials (series)* by Philip Pullman
 - *Jacob Have I Loved* by Katherine Paterson
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