

Top Ten Challenged Books - last five years

2011

Out of 326 challenges as reported by the [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#)

1. *ttyl; tffn; l8r, g8r* (series), by Lauren Myracle
Reasons: offensive language; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
2. *The Color of Earth* (series), by Kim Dong Hwa
Reasons: nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
3. *The Hunger Games* trilogy, by Suzanne Collins
Reasons: anti-ethnic; anti-family; insensitivity; offensive language; occult/satanic; violence
4. *My Mom's Having A Baby! A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy*, by Dori Hillestad Butler
Reasons: nudity; sex education; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
5. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
Reasons: offensive language; racism; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit; unsuited to age group
6. *Alice* (series), by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Reasons: nudity; offensive language; religious viewpoint
7. *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley
Reasons: insensitivity; nudity; racism; religious viewpoint; sexually explicit
8. *What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones
Reasons: nudity; offensive language; sexually explicit
9. *Gossip Girl* (series), by Cecily Von Ziegesar
Reasons: drugs; offensive language; sexually explicit
10. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
Reasons: offensive language; racism

2010

Out of 348 challenges as reported by the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
Reasons: homosexuality, religious viewpoint, and unsuited to age group
2. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
Reasons: offensive language, racism, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and violence
3. *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley
Reasons: insensitivity, offensive language, racism, and sexually explicit
4. *Crank*, by Ellen Hopkins
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, and sexually explicit
5. *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins
Reasons: sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and violence

6. *Lush*, by Natasha Friend
Reasons: drugs, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
7. *What My Mother Doesn't Know*, by Sonya Sones
Reasons: sexism, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
8. *Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich
Reasons: drugs, inaccurate, offensive language, political viewpoint, and religious viewpoint
9. *Revolutionary Voices*, edited by Amy Sonnie
Reasons: homosexuality and sexually explicit
10. *Twilight*, by Stephenie Meyer
Reasons: religious viewpoint and violence

2009

Out of 460 challenges as reported to the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. *ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r* (series), by Lauren Myracle
Reasons: drugs, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
2. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
Reasons: homosexuality
3. *The Perks of Being A Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky
Reasons: anti-family, drugs, homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited to age group
4. *To Kill A Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
Reasons: offensive language, racism, unsuited to age group
5. *Twilight* (series) by Stephenie Meyer
Reasons: religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
6. *Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
7. *My Sister's Keeper*, by Jodi Picoult
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
8. *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things*, by Carolyn Mackler
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
9. *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
10. *The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier
Reasons: nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group

2008

Out of 513 challenges as reported to the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, homosexuality, religious viewpoint, and unsuited to age group
2. *His Dark Materials* trilogy, by Philip Pullman
Reasons: political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, and violence
3. *ttyl; tffn; l8r, g8r* (series), by Lauren Myracle
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
4. *Scary Stories* (series), by Alvin Schwartz
Reasons: occult/satanism, religious viewpoint, and violence
5. *Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya
Reasons: occult/satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, and violence
6. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky
Reasons: drugs, homosexuality, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, suicide, and unsuited to age group
7. *Gossip Girl* (series), by Cecily von Ziegesar
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
8. *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*, by Sarah S. Brannen
Reasons: homosexuality and unsuited to age group
9. *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group
10. *Flashcards of My Life*, by Charise Mericle Harper
Reasons: sexually explicit and unsuited to age group

2007

Out of 420 challenges reported to the Office for Intellectual Freedom

1. *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
Reasons: anti-ethnic, anti-family, homosexuality, religious viewpoint, sexism, and unsuited to age group
2. *The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, violence
3. *Olive's Ocean*, by Kevin Henkes
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit
4. *The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman
Reason: religious viewpoint
5. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain
Reason: racism
6. *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker
Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit
7. *ttyl*, by Lauren Myracle
Reasons: offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou
Reason: sexually explicit

9. *It's Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris

Reasons: sex education and sexually explicit

10. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky

Reasons: homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited to age group