

PADERBORN2READ Red List

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Title	Author	What?	Where?	Why? and other notes
<i>Catch-22</i>	Heller, Joseph	banned, later only challenged	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> women as “whores” on the American Library Association’s Banned Classics list
<i>Gender Queer: A Memoir</i>	Kobabe, Maia	challenged, banned	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit absolute number one on the current list of most challenged books in total 151 bans since its publishing in 2019
<i>Harry Potter</i>	Rowling, Joanne K.	challenged, banned	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> anti-family, occult topics, witchcraft Some call it the most challenged book of the 21st century.
<i>Heartstopper I</i>	Oseman, Alice	challenged	USA, some states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGBTQIA+ content, “pornographic” content put on the “adult” shelves
<i>Indian Killer</i>	Alexie, Sherman	banned	USA, several states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some topics and themes Alexie sends a box of the books to every library that bans the book. xD
<i>Lolita</i>	Nabokov, Vladimir	banned	Argentina, Canada, France, New Zealand, South Africa, UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “unsuitable” for minors banned in New Zealand for 10 years interestingly enough not banned in the USA
<i>Maus I & II</i>	Spiegelman, Art	challenged, banned, removed from school libraries	USA, specifically Tennessee School Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inappropriate language and nudity, claimed to be unsuited for young readers HUGE discussion

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<i>Milk and Honey</i>	Kaur, Rupi	banned	USA, several school districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussions of sexual assault and violence one of the eleven most banned books in America in 2022/2023
<i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Ishiguro, Kazuo	banned	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no information (???)
<i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i>	Orwell, George	challenged, banned	Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pro-communist views mainly, sex and co. also one of the most banned books of all time
<i>Ninth House</i>	Bardugo, Leigh	challenged (?)	USA, specifically Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sexual themes
<i>Northern Lights</i>	Pullman, Philip	challenged, banned	Germany, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious criticism issue was a LOT with the movie from 2007 fourth most challenged book in the USA in 2007
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Alexie, Sherman	challenged, removed from curriculum	USA, specifically Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit
<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	Salinger, J. D.	challenged, removed from libraries and stores	mainly USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extremely long list of being challenged and removed from libraries and stores between 1960 and 2009 on the American Library Association's Banned Classics list

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<i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i>	Atwood, Margaret	challenged, banned	Portugal, Spain, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • depiction of sexual activity, violence, profanity • Atwood responded with an “unburnable” version of the book. xD
<i>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</i>	Gaiman, Neil	challenged, banned	USA, specifically Texas School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intended for adults and removed from school libraries
<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	Chbosky, Stephen	challenged, banned	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • depiction of sexual abuse, drug use, LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit, claimed to be unsuited for age group • on the American Library Association’s Banned Classics list
<i>The Sun Also Rises</i>	Hemingway, Ernest	banned, burned	Germany, Ireland, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • burned in Germany in 1933
<i>Tropic of Cancer</i>	Miller, Henry	banned	Turkey, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “obscene”