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Each of these books has been on the Top 10 Most Challenged Lists from the American Library Association. Try one out for yourself!



**Celano, Marianne**  
*Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice*  
JNonfiction - 305.896073 CELA  
Grades K+

Reasons: Challenged for "divisive language" and because it was thought to promote anti-police views



**Anderson, Laurie Halse**  
*Speak*

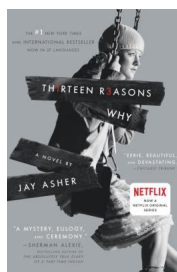
Teen Fiction - Grades 8+  
Banned, challenged, and restricted because it was thought to contain a political viewpoint and it was claimed to be biased against male students, and for the novel's inclusion of rape and profanity.

**GEORGE**

ALEX GINO  
Read by JAMIE CLAYTON

**Gino, Alex**  
*George or Melissa's Story*  
JFiction - Grades 4+

Reasons: Challenged, banned, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, conflicting with a religious viewpoint, and not reflecting "the values of our community." (Recently retitled *Melissa's Story*)



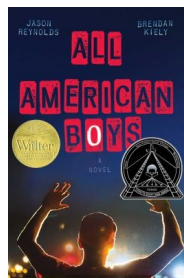
**Asher, Jay**  
*13 Reasons Why*  
Teen Fiction - Grades 9+

Reasons: banned, challenged, and restricted for addressing teen suicide



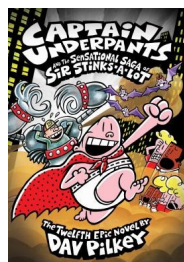
**Haack, Daniel**  
*Prince & Knight*  
JEasy - Grades K+

Reasons: challenged and restricted for featuring a gay marriage and LGBTQIA+ content; for being "a deliberate attempt to indoctrinate young children" with the potential to cause confusion, curiosity, and gender dysphoria; and for conflicting with a religious viewpoint.



**Reynolds, Jason**  
*All American Boys*  
Teen Fiction - Grades 8+

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, drug use, and alcoholism, and because it was thought to promote anti-police views, contain divisive topics, and be "too much of a sensitive matter right now."



**Pilkey, Dav**  
*Captain Underpants series*  
JFiction - Grades 2+

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.



**Tamaki, Mariko**  
*This One Summer*  
Teen Fiction - Grades 8+

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

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