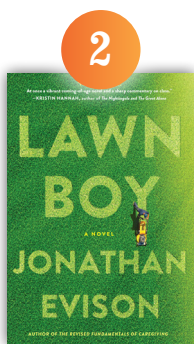


# TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2021

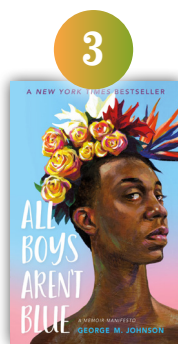
The American Library Association tracked **729 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2021. Of the 1,597 individual books that were challenged or banned in 2021, here are the top 10 most challenged:



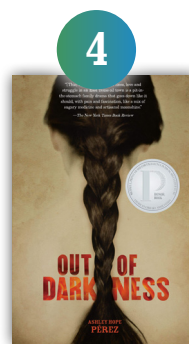
**Gender Queer**  
By Maia Kobabe  
REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images



**Lawn Boy**  
By Jonathan Evison  
REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



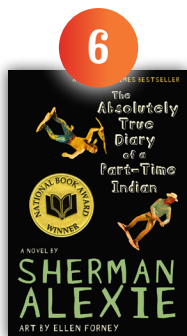
**All Boys Aren't Blue**  
By George M. Johnson  
REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



**Out of Darkness**  
By Ashley Hope Perez  
REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



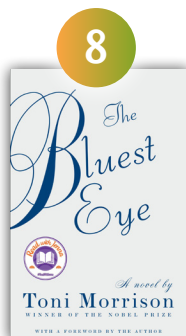
**The Hate U Give**  
By Angie Thomas  
REASONS: Banned and challenged for profanity, violence, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message and indoctrination of a social agenda



**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**  
By Sherman Alexie  
REASONS: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and use of a derogatory term



**Me and Earl and the Dying Girl**  
By Jesse Andrews  
REASONS: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and degrading to women



**The Bluest Eye**  
By Toni Morrison  
REASONS: Banned and challenged because it depicts child sexual abuse and was considered sexually explicit



**This Book is Gay**  
By Juno Dawson  
REASONS: Banned, challenged, relocated, and restricted for providing sexual education and LGBTQIA+ content



**Beyond Magenta**  
By Susan Kuklin  
REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit