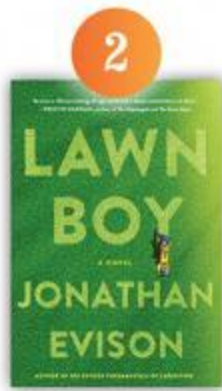


TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2021

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:



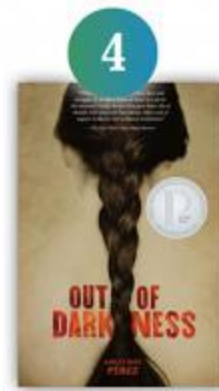
Gender Queer
By Maia Kobabe
REASONS: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images



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



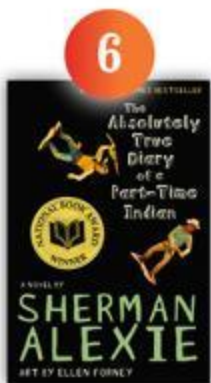
All Boys Aren't Blue
By George M. Johnson
REASONS: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit



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 terms



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