

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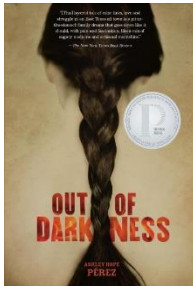
Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit

Summary: Mike Muñoz is a young Mexican American not too many years out of high school--and just fired from his latest gig as a lawn boy on a landscaping crew. Though he tries time and again to get his foot on the first rung of that ladder to success, he can't seem to get a break. But then things start to change for Mike, and after a raucous, jarring, and challenging trip, he finds he can finally see the future and his place in it

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

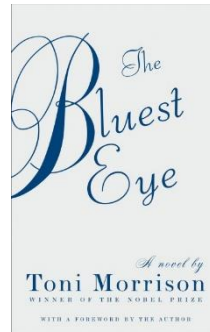
Summary: Loosely based on a school explosion that took place in New London, Texas in 1937, this is the story of two teenagers: Naomi, who is Mexican, and Wash, who is black, and their dealings with race, segregation, love, and the forces that destroy people.



**The Bluest Eye**  
By Toni Morrison  
**F MORRISON Toni**

Reasons: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and depicts child sexual abuse

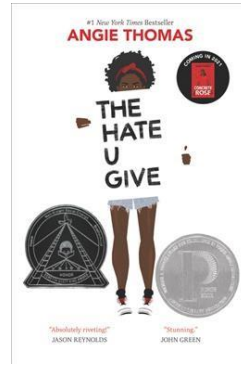
Summary: Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl in an America whose love for blonde, blue-eyed children can devastate all others, prays for her eyes to turn blue, so that she will be beautiful, people will notice her, and her world will be different.



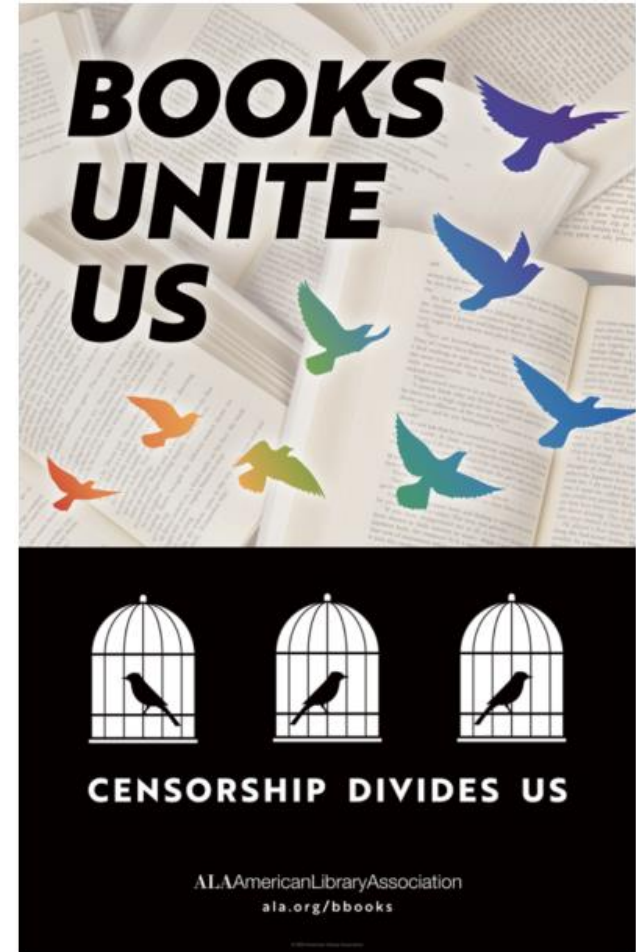
**The Hate U Give**  
By Angie Thomas  
**YA THOMAS**

Reasons: Challenged for profanity, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message

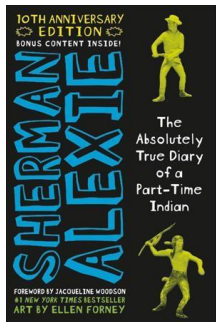
Summary: After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.



# Most challenged books of 2021



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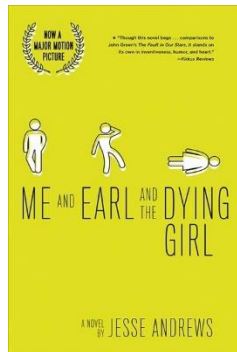


## The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian

By Sherman Alexie  
**YA ALEXIE**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references and use of a derogatory term  
Summary: Budding cartoonist Junior leaves

his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



## Me and Earl and the Dying Girl

By Jesse Andrews  
**YA ANDREWS**

Reasons: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and degrading to women

Summary: Greg has managed to become part

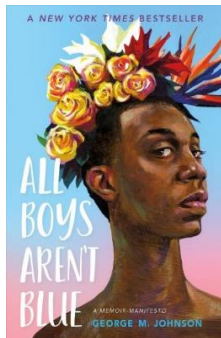
of every social group at his high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia.

## All Boys Aren't Blue

By George M Johnson  
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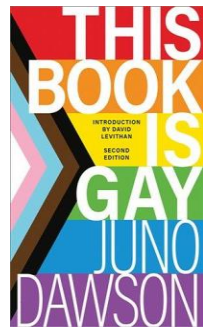
Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit

Summary: In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia.



## This Book is Gay

By Juno Dawson  
**YA 306.76 DAW**



Reasons: Banned, challenged, relocated, and restricted for providing sexual education and LGBTQIA+ content.

Summary: There's a long-running joke that, after coming out as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex person, you should receive a

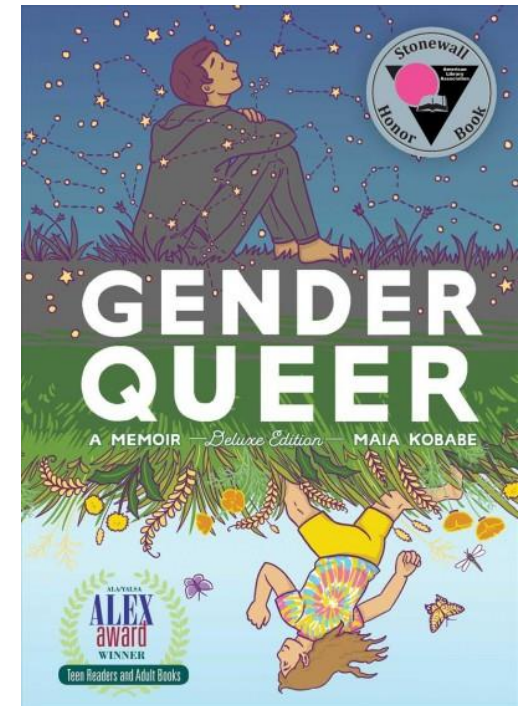
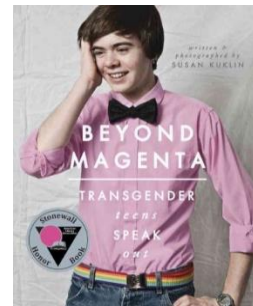
membership card and instruction manual. This is that instruction manual. You're welcome.

## Beyond Magenta

By Susan Kuklin  
**YA 306.768 KUK**

Reasons: Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and because it was considered to be sexually explicit.

Summary: Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.



## Gender Queer : a memoir

By Maia Kobabe

**YA 921 KOBABE Maia**

Reasons: Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images

Summary: In 2014, Maia Kobabe, who uses e/em/eir pronouns, thought that a comic of reading statistics would be the last autobiographical comic e would ever write. At the time, it was the only thing e felt comfortable with strangers knowing about em. Now, Gender Queer is here. Maia's intensely cathartic autobiography charts eir journey of self-identity, which includes the mortification and confusion of adolescent crushes, grappling with how to come out to family and society, bonding with friends over erotic gay fanfiction, and facing the trauma and fundamental violation of pap smears.