

Alvarez, Julia HOW THE GARCIA GIRLS LOST THEIR ACCENTS A parent challenged this book's sexual content and profane language YA Atkins, Catherine ALT ED Challenged as an optional reading at a junior high for being "peppered with profanities, ranging from derogatory slang terms to sexual encounters and violence."	K/W	WHALE TALK This author's books are frequently challenged. They, too, are "peppered with profanities..." YA Dessen, Sarah JUST LISTEN This was considered too intense for teens. Guterson, David SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS Some say that parents need to give permission for their students to read this.	Picoult, Jodi THE TENTH CIRCLE This book was also removed from the ninth grade reading list due to "inappropriate sexual content."	K/W
Biography Burroughs, Augusten RUNNING WITH SCISSORS The Livingston County prosecutor was asked to review this book to see whether laws against distribution of sexually explicit materials to minors had been broken. After reading it, he decided that the appropriateness for minors is a decision to be made by the school board, but that it was not in violation of the criminal laws.	K/W	Lee, Harper TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD A resident feared the book would upset black children reading it. Morrison, Toni BELOVED and THE BLUEST EYE Complained about for depicting inappropriate topics.	YA Rowling, J.K. HARRY POTTER AND THE... Parents pleaded to take Harry Potter books off the shelves based on the claim that they promote witchcraft.	K/W
Conroy, Pat BEACH MUSIC and THE PRINCE OF TIDES Parents complained about the books' scenes of violence, sexual assault and more. They were eventually approved for return to the classroom as long as students were offered alternative texts.	K/W	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds ALICE ON HER WAY This has been restricted to students who have parental consent. YA Nixon, Joan Lowery WHISPERS FROM THE DEAD Pulled from a recommended list because of concern that the book deals with the occult.	Sebold, Alice THE LOVELY BONES Moved to the faculty section of a middle school because its content was too frightening for the students.	K/W
YA Cormier, Robert THE CHOCOLATE WAR Challenged many places! One of the comments has been "If these books were a movie, they would be rate R..."	K/W	Patterson, James CRADLE AND ALL Reomved from ninth grade reading list because of "inappropriate sexual content."	YA Strasser, Todd GIVE A BOY A GUN This was challenged for depicting school violence, but the school kept it.	K/W
YA Crutcher, Chris	K/W		YA Stroud, Jonathan THE BARTIMAEUS TRILOGY The school board following accusations of censorship by some parents restored the books in this trilogy. The titles were pulled from the school library because of concerns that they deal with the occult.	K/W

Twain, Mark K/W
THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN
Challenged because of racism. The 'N' word is used in
the book 212 times.

Biography
Wright, Richard K/W
BLACK BOY
Challenged for strong sexual content.

This list is not complete! Not all challenges to books
have been documented, plus, unfortunately, the list
would take more space than this. However, we bet you
will find something on this list that you will enjoy
reading and would have been upset if you had to miss
out on the chance to read it because it had been
challenged! Find out why these titles made the list.

For ore titles, check out the book display or as a librarian.



YA = Young Adult

K = Kennedy Library

W = Westergard Library