

30 Banned Books for Kids

1. *A Day in the life of Marlon Bundo* by Marlon Bundo
Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content
2. *A Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein
Reason(s) Banned: Promotes "disobedience, suicide, and Satanism"
3. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
Reason(s) Banned: Encourages "rebellious", alludes to drug use, talking animals "blasphemous"
4. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
Reason(s) Banned: Promoting "occultism" and "Satanism", death (accident)
5. *From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg
Reason(s) Banned: "Might encourage children to run away from home"
6. *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh
Reason(s) Banned: Encourages "lying and talking back", Harriet considered a "bad influence"
7. *In the Night Kitchen* by Maurice Sendak
Reason(s) Banned: Nude illustration
8. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
Reason(s) Banned: "Too scary for targeted audience", "promotes disobedience", death
9. *Junie B. Jones (series)* by Barbra Park
Reason(s) Banned: Poor grammar, promotes "poor social values"
10. *King & King* by Linda de Haan
Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content
11. *Madeline and the Gypsies* by Ludwig Bemelmans
Reason(s) Banned: Use of word "gypsy", culturally insensitive depictions
12. *Melissa* (also published under *George*) by Alex Gino
Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content, "anti-religious", "conflicts with the 'traditional family structure'"
13. *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
Reason(s) Banned: Mentions Critical Race Theory
14. *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes
Reason(s) Banned: "Obscene" language, sexual content
15. *Pride: the story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders
Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content

16. *Pugdog* by Andrea U'Ren

Reason(s) Banned: "Promotes cross-dressing"

17. *Radiant child : the story of young artist Jean-Michel Basquiat* by Javaka Steptoe

Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content

18. *Roll of thunder, hear my cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

Reason(s) Banned: Racial slurs

19. *Sewing the rainbow: the story of Gilbert Baker and the rainbow flag* by Gayle E. Pitman

Reason(s) Banned: LGBTQIA+ content

20. *Something happened in our town : a child's story about racial injustice* by Marianne Celano

Reason(s) Banned: Promotes "anti-police views"

21. *The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby* by Dav Pilkey

Reason(s) Banned: Contains "the phrase 'poo poo head.'"

22. *The Breakaways* by Cathy G. Johnson

Reason(s) Banned: Shows a transgender character, "not suitable for children"

23. *The face on the milk carton* by Caroline B. Cooney

Reason(s) Banned: Sexual content, kidnapping, cult references

24. *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

Reason(s) Banned: Depicted as "sexist", encourages taking without giving back

25. *The Indian in the cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks

Reason(s) Banned: Racial slurs

26. *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq* by Jeanette Winter

Reason(s) Banned: "Promotes Islam", violence

27. *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

Reason(s) Banned: "Opposes the logging industry", criticized for "excessive portrayal of consumerism"

28. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle

Reason(s) Banned: "Pro-communist" and "pro-socialist", "encourages stealing"

29. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank L. Baum

Reason(s) Banned: "Ungodly", "depicts women in strong leadership roles", "no value for children of today" (1957)

30. *White Bird: a wonder story* by R. J. Palacio

Reason(s) Banned: could "skew a child's mind"