

LIST OF BANNED BOOKS

List	Book	Author/Year	Supposed Reason
1	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou, 1969	Vulgarity and sexually explicit material
2	The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison, 1970	Graphic Content
3	Song of Solomon	Toni Morrison, 1977	Graphic Content
4	Beloved	Toni Morrison, 1982	Graphic Content
5	The Color Purple	Alice Walker, 1982	Racial and sexual content
6	Native Son	Richard Wright, 1940	Graphic and violent content
7	Black Boy	Richard Wright, 1945	Graphic and violent content
8	Go Tell it on the Mountain	James Baldwin, 1953	Graphic content
9	Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neal Hurston, 1937	Explicit content
10	Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison, 1952	Vulgarity
11	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee, 1960	Use of racist language and allegations of rape
12	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck, 1937	Vulgarity, racism, and mistreatment of women
13	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain, 1885	Racist and irreligious
14	The Story of Little Black Sambo	Helen Bannerman, 1899	Sambo is a racist word; not keeping with good human relations
15	Strange Fruit	Lillian Smith, 1944	Deep-seated racial conflicts of the south
16	Lord of the Flies	William Golding, 1954	Use of racial profanity
17	Sulwe	Lupita N'yongo, 2019	About colorism and self-esteem
18	This is Your Time	Ruby Bridges, 2020	Integration into all-white schools
19	Something Happened in Our Town	Marietta Collins, 2018	A child's story of racial injustice
20	The Hate U Give	Angie Thomas, 2017	Sends an anti-police message

21	Caste: The Origins of our Discontent	Isabel Wilkerson, 2020	Graphic content not suitable for children
22	1619 Project: A New Origin Story	Nikole Hannah Jones, 2019	Places slavery at the center of our national narrative
23	Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall, 2020	Offers perspective on how feminism leaves behind women of color
24	Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You	Ibram Kendi, 2020	Discussions of race and vulgar language
25	Tupac: Resurrection, 1971-1996	Tupac Shakur, 2003	Tupac's troubles with government officials and police
26	Kaffir Boy	Mark Mathabane, 1986	Discusses apartheid
27	Class Act	Jerry Craft, 2019	Discusses race
28	Blackbirds in the Sky: Tulsa Race Riots	Brandy Colbert, 2021	Discusses race
29	Dear Martin	Nic Stone, 2017	A reaction to the murder of Jordan Davis
30	Out of Darkness	Ashley Hope Perez, 2015	Story of a forbidden relationship between a Latina girl and black boy
31	Monday is Not Coming	Tiffany Jackson, 2018	Book encourages readers to advocate for the disenfranchised and forgotten society
32	All American Boys	Jason Reynolds, 2015	Boys dealing with racism and police brutality in their community
33	Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015	Racism and violence embedded in American history
34	The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson, 2010	The great migration of Blacks from the segregated south to the west and northern regions
35	The New Jim Crow	Michelle Alexander, 2010	Exposes racial discrimination in the criminal justice system
36	A Gathering of Old Men	Ernest Gaines, 1983	
37	A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest Gaines, 2004	
38	Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson, 2014	

39	Clap When You Land	Elizabeth Acevedo, 2020	
40	Fallen Angels	Walter Dean Myers, 1988	
41	Ghost Boys	Jewel Parker Rhodes, 2018	
42	Monster	Walter Dean Myers, 1999	
43	On the Come Up	Angie Thomas, 2020	
44	Pride: A Pride & Prejudice Remix	Ibi Zoboi, 2018	
45	The Skin I'm In	Sharon Flake, 1998	
46	The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander, 2019	