



What is censorship?

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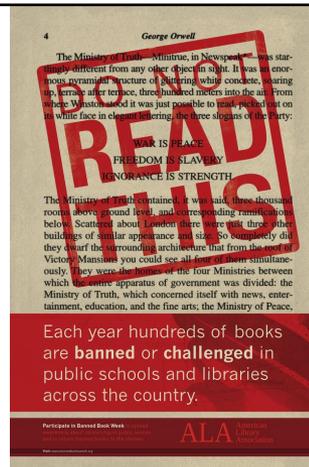
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noun

the practice of officially examining books, movies, etc., and suppressing unacceptable parts.
"details of the visit were subject to military censorship"

Do you recognize any of these titles?

- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell



What is the difference between being banned or challenged?

A **CHALLENGE** is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group.

A **BANNING** is the removal of those materials.

CHALLENGES do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others.

So why might books be challenged?

Books usually are challenged with the best intentions—to protect others, frequently children, from difficult ideas and information.

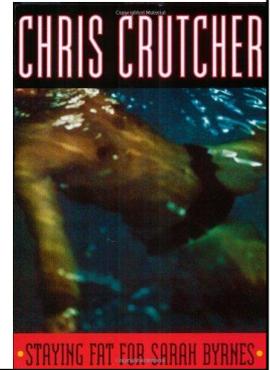
1. the material was considered to be "sexually explicit"
2. the material contained "offensive language"
3. the materials was "unsuited to any age group"

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes

2010

Challenged in Wisconsin's Belleville School District for being part of the grade-nine curriculum. Lori Beil, the mother of a student at Belleville High School, complained that the book was pornographic and full of vulgar profanity.

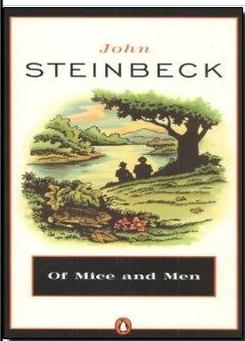
Issues for Being Challenge: Some of the issues why this book have been banned or challenged in the past are issue of abortion, religion, references to masturbation, physical and emotional abuse, mild profanity, and an attempted suicide.



2001

Banned for using offensive language, racism, violence, and being unsuited to age group

Of Mice and Men



2008

Challenged at the Newton (IA) High School because of concerns about profanity and the portrayal of Jesus Christ. Retained in the Olathe (KS) 9th-grade curriculum despite a parent calling the novel a "worthless, profanity-riddled book" which is "derogatory towards African Americans, women, and the developmentally disabled."

2016

Recommended to be pulled from classroom instruction and made available only on a voluntary, small-group basis. Its use of profanity - "bastard," for instance, and "God damn" - makes the book unsuitable. In addition to the profanity, the curriculum committee found the story of two migrant ranch hands struggling during the Great Depression too "negative."