

Banned and Challenged Books, Part 3

Each week we will continue to read and discuss banned books. We will examine why the books have been challenged and, in many cases, banned from high school curriculum and libraries. We will listen to the authors' views of their books being banned.

We will also look at current examples of book banning in our schools.

A word of caution: many of these books deal with current issues in our society, including suicide, police shootings and discrimination and can be quite graphic and explicit.

Week 1: *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

Week 2: *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

Week 3: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

Week 4: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Week 5: *Persepolis, The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi