

DO NOT CROSS

# CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

NUMBER OF UNIQUE  
TITLES CHALLENGED  
2021-2023  
2021: 1,858  
2022: 2,571  
2023: 4,240



47%  
of titles targeted for censorship  
in 2023 represent the voices and  
experiences of Black, Indigenous, and  
People of Color (BIPOC) individuals.

BANNED BOOKS  
WEEK Sep. 22-28, 2024

Indiana University  
University of Evansville  
UPLIFT

Indiana University  
University of Evansville  
UPLIFT

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
AUTHOR'S PUBLIC  
STATEMENTS.  
DIVISIVE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
SEXUAL CONTENT  
PROFLANITY  
BAD GRAMMAR

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
"OCCULT"  
"DEMONIC"

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
VILE PROFANITY,  
SEXUAL CONTENT

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT  
DRUGS,  
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
INAPPROPRIATE  
LANGUAGE & PLOT

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
NEGATIVE TOWARD  
POLICE, PROFANITY,  
DRUG USE, ALCOHOLISM

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
CONTUMACY FOR RELIGION  
SEXUAL CONTENT  
SEXUAL THEMES  
LGBTQIA+ THEMES  
MATERIALISM  
OF  
DEATH

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
SEXUAL CONTENT

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
"TOO INTENSE FOR  
TEENS"

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
LGBTQIA+ CONTENT,  
CONFLICTING  
RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
PORNOGRAPHIC  
DISCUSSES  
SUICIDE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
LGBTQIA+ CONTENT,  
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT,  
BIASED

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
ANTI-CHRISTIAN

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
SEXUALLY GRAPHIC,  
OBSCENE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
FOUL LANGUAGE  
SEX  
SUICIDE  
CHILD ABUSE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
DRUGS, SUICIDE, VIOLENCE  
SEXUAL THEMES  
REINFORCING  
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
VIOLENCE  
SEX  
PROFLANITY

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
SEXUALLY GRAPHIC,  
OBSCENE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
PORNOGRAPHIC  
LGBTQIA+  
RENUNCING OF RELIGION

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
OFFENSIVE  
TO CHRISTIANS

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
DRUG ABUSE  
CHILD ABUSE  
SEX  
SUICIDE

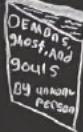
CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
DISCUSSES BREASTS'  
& HOW BOYS  
REACT TO THEM

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
GRAPHIC SEX  
UNDERAGE DRINKING  
DATE RAPE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
RAPE  
VIOLENCE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
PORNOGRAPHIC

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION  
WARNING:  
INAPPROPRIATE  
CONTENT & VULGAR  
LANGUAGE



"#O\$H" "devil worship"  
"S\$X" "90\$" "4\$TCH" "56MP" "90d is fake"  
"death" "pornography"  
"Alcohol" "suicide" "You S\$K"

CRIME SCENE

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS





ies protested the inclusion of Toni Morrison's *Beloved* in 1987 and featuring a former slave and her experiences of American slavery, continues to be challenged

begin complaining about J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series from public libraries because of its content, even claiming that there are "actual curses and spells" in the books. *Harry Potter* and its sequels were the most frequently challenged from 2013 to 2022, bringing them into the public light.

le demand that Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* be removed from library shelves due to "vulgarity and sexual explicitness" brought it into mainstream media. The 2017 US presidential election triggered many of the complaints.

anti-book ban bill in the United States, requiring that library systems (including public and school libraries) align with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights to remove books or other materials from their collections based on community demands.

Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom reported that 1,100 library books were challenged or censored in 2022. This is a 65% increase from 2022 and 75% of those books featured LGBTQ+ and BIPOC characters.

State of Indiana passes House Bill 1447 (which is called the "Education Matters Act," under which teachers and school administrators can be charged with felonies for providing books to students / minors that are deemed to be "matter harmful to minors.")

NEG  
POLI  
DRUG

CAUTIO

"TO

LGBTQIA+ CONTENT,  
SEXUALLY EXPLICIT,  
BIASED

WARNING:  
ANTI-CHRISTIAN

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
DRUGS, SUICIDE, VIOLENCE  
SEXISM  
HOMOSEXUALITY  
RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT  
OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
VIOLENCE  
SEX  
PROFANITY

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
SEXUALLY GRAPHIC,  
OBSCENE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
OFFENSIVE  
TO CHRISTIANS

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
DRUG ABUSE  
CHILD ABUSE  
SEX  
SUICIDE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
DISCUSSES BREASTS  
& HOW BOYS  
REACT TO THEM

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

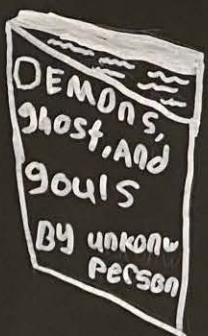
**WARNING:**  
RAPE  
VIOLENCE

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
PORNOGRAPHIC

CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION

**WARNING:**  
INAPPROPRIATE  
CONTENT & VULGAR  
LANGUAGE



"#6\$#" "He Raped Me" "devil worship"  
"dugs" "!" "God is fake"  
"s#x" "death" "Pornography"  
"ALCOHOL" "suicide" "You Suck"

DO NOT CROSS

CRIME SCENE

CRIME  
SCENE DO NOT CROSS