

THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN

Recommended

age:
12 and up

Challenge/Ban Reason:

Subject matter; offensive language; #1 most challenged book 2010-2019

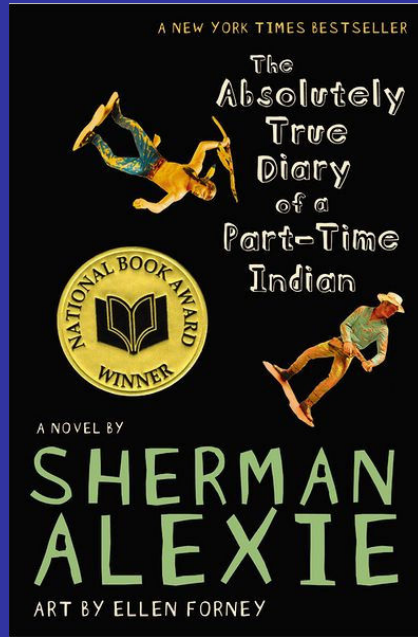
Fact:

Sherman Alexie is Native American (Salish) - Spokane (mother) and Coeur d'Alene (father), which means "heart of an awl."

Clue to the next book:

Where's Blazer? Read the sports pages to see what he's been up to.

Can you find all ten challenged books?



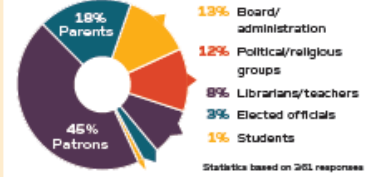
CENSORSHIP

BY THE NUMBERS 2019

Censorship is a dead end. It limits exploration and creates barriers to access information. The path toward the freedom to read starts at the library. Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.



WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?



WHAT IS A CHALLENGE?

Attempt to remove or restrict materials or services based on content

WHAT IS A BAN?

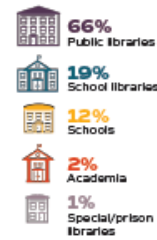
Removal of materials or cancellation of services based on content

REASONS FOR CHALLENGES



Each word and phrase in this graphic is cited from 2019 censorship reports

WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?



607

Total materials affected in censorship attempts in 2019 (including books, films, newspapers)

+14%
Increase from last year

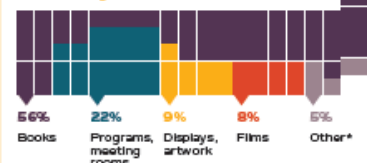
READERS ON CENSORSHIP

“Had I had a book like that on the shelf, I might have realized a lot sooner that I could love myself. I might have realized a lot sooner that it's O.K. to feel different.”
Community member on keeping “Prince & Knight” on a public library’s shelves

“Obviously, I’m a Christian, and I take my God very seriously, but if I just simply ban everything that’s going to be said about my God or about my faith, then I’m living in my own little, narrow world.”
Pastor on the inclusion of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” on a school’s summer reading list

BOOKS AND BEYOND

The ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 377 challenges in 2019. Here’s the breakdown:



* Includes social media, hate crimes, games, filtering, databases, newspapers, magazines

CENSORSHIP STATISTICS COMPILED BY: OFFICE FOR Intellectual Freedom American Library Association

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