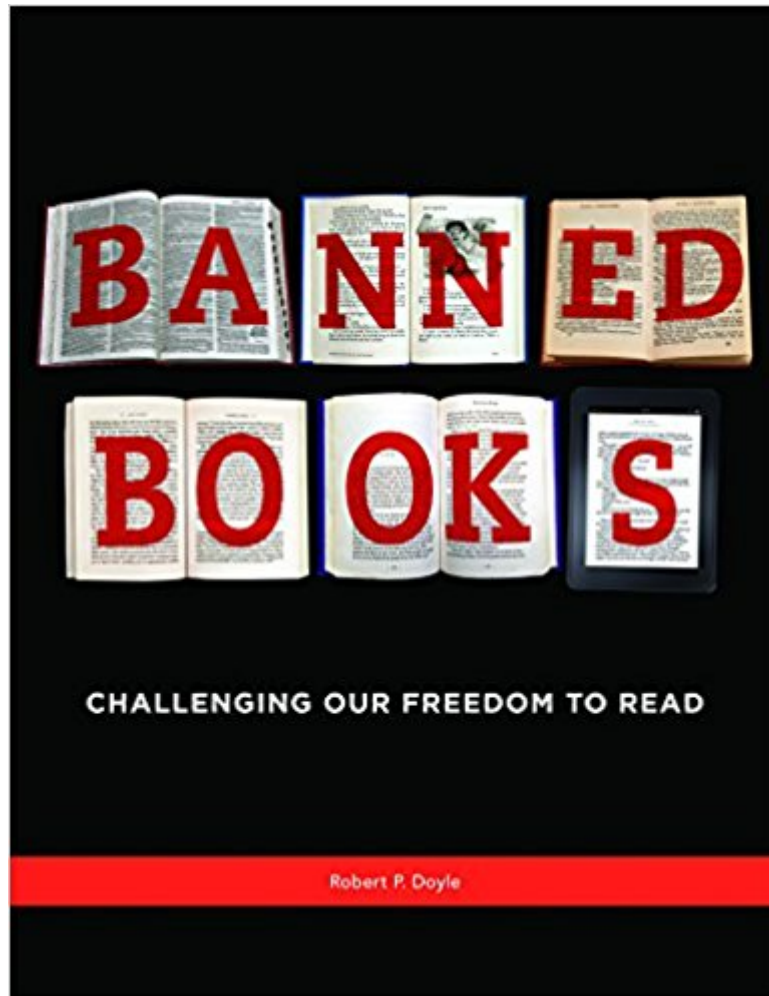




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# Banned Books: Challenging Our Freedom To Read



## Synopsis

Librarians, educators, students, and parents along with publishers, booksellers, writers, and readers interested in the current state of literary censorship in America especially in our libraries and schools will find this volume indispensable. This new edition of *Banned Books* by noted First Amendment advocate Robert P. Doyle details incidents of book bannings from 387 B.C. to 2014. This guide provides a framework for understanding censorship and the protections guaranteed to us through the First Amendment. Interpretations of the uniquely American notion of freedom of expression and our freedom to read what we choose are supplemented by straightforward, easily accessible information that will inspire further exploration. This update and expanded 2014 edition features a new, streamlined design that will make this an essential reference you'll return to time and again. Contents include: Insight The Challenge of Censorship Interpretation The First Amendment, the Freedom of Expression, and the Freedom to Read Information First Amendment Timeline, Court Cases, Glossary, Bibliography, Quotations, and Action Guide Incidents Top Ten Challenged Books of 2013 and Banned or Challenged Books almost 2,000 titles listed alphabetically by author plus Title, Topical, and Geographic Indices.

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Robert P. Doyle is the executive director of the Illinois Library Association. He is a noted authority and frequent speaker on First Amendment rights and the freedom to read. Under his leadership, the association has successfully opposed numerous legislative challenges to intellectual freedom. Prior

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This is an in-depth look at book banning through the ages, concentrating on English-language works in the US since about 1920. The audience is primarily librarians and library supporters, but because of the extensive First Amendment coverage it is useful to anyone interested in civil liberties. The bulk of the book is a listing of 1,890 books that have been challenged at one time or another, giving for each a brief history of when and why it was challenged, along with some publication history and a list of notable awards won by the book. There is also about 85 pages of front matter with valuable information, such as summaries of notable First Amendment court cases (the freedom to read is guaranteed in the US by the First Amendment to the Constitution). This 2014 edition is a modest update of the previous 2010 edition, adding some court cases, newly-challenged books, and new challenges for previously-listed books. If you have the previous edition you probably don't need this one, unless you want to be totally up-to-date.

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