

Banned

Books from the Last 30 Years

Author	Title	First Published	Details
<i>Pre-Teen Fiction and Non-Fiction</i>			

Babette

Emily M. Danforth	The Miseducation of Cameron Post	2012	<p>Story: Cameron Post is a 12-year-old girl realising she is gay. After her parents die in a car crash, she is sent to live with her conservative aunt. She develops a relationship with her best friend and is sent to a "de-gaying" camp</p> <p>Reasons: offensive language, drug/ alcohol use, gay sex</p> <p>Author comment: "My experience of researching this conversion therapy was often upsetting and always baffling. There's absolutely zero credible scientific evidence to suggest that such "therapies" are effective at changing attraction or desire or identity in the least. In fact, there is much evidence that such "therapies" cause all kinds of harm to those who partake in them"</p>
John Green	The Fault in Our Stars	2012	<p>Story: Two teens, with cancer, Grace and Augustus, meet at a support group. After reading each other's favourite novel, they endeavour to find out the fate of one of the characters in Grace's choice.</p> <p>Reasons: death due to cancer, offensive language, sex</p> <p>Author comment: "The thing that bothered me about The Daily Mail piece was that it was a bit condescending to teenagers. I'm tired of adults telling teenagers that they aren't smart, that they can't read critically, that they aren't thoughtful"</p>
Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	2003	<p>Story: Christopher Boone is a 15 year-old with Asperger's syndrome. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered, he sets out on a journey which will turn his whole world upside down</p> <p>Reason: offensive language, profanity</p> <p>Author comment: "I'm always entertained when it gets banned somewhere or causes a huge row. But I never really feel that I have to stand up for it. It's like a sturdy 25-year-old who can pick a fight and look after itself"</p>
David Levithan	Two Boys Kissing	2013	<p>Story:</p>