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## Websites

“Censorship reflects society’s lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime.”

~ Potter Stewart

<http://cgd.best.vwh.net/home/anticens.htm>

~ This page lists quotes and links related to censorship issues.

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/censorship/a/censorship.htm>

~ A brief article written for the general public is accompanied by links to censorship-related resources.

<http://georgesuttle.com/censorship/censors-all.shtml>

~ This website provides a number of links to censorship-related resources.

<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/ALAN/winter97/w97-10-Censorship.html>

~ Author Norma Fox Mazer expresses her opinions on what she calls “silent censorship.”

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/tricon/2005/controversial.pdf>

~ Resources for collecting controversial books.

<http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/bannedbooks/bannedbooks.html>

~ This website reissues in online form a catalogue of banned books that was created in 1955. It discusses the censorship and banning of books in England, France, North America, Spain, Russia, Germany and various other countries.

<http://www.aboutcrutcher.com/>

~ Author Chris Crutcher’s website includes sections containing information on attempts to ban his books and his views on censorship.

<http://www.afterellen.com/Print/yafiction.html>

~ This website provides information on lesbian-themed resources and discusses issues of censorship.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/foryoungpeople/youngpeople.htm>

~ The ALA’s stance on intellectual freedom for young people.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement.htm>

~ The ALA’s “Freedom to Read” statement: seven propositions that assert the ALA’s position on the written word.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>

~ The ALA’s “mission statement” for libraries.

<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=dealing&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=77095>

~ Details on the role of librarians in serving children, how librarians select collections, and ten tips for parents to enable their children and teens to make good use of the library.

“God forbid that any book should be banned. The practice is as indefensible an infanticide.”

~ Rebecca West

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<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=interpretations&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=76528>

~ Challenged Materials: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. A concise statement regarding the relationship between challenges and collections policies.

“To limit the press is to insult a nation; to prohibit reading of certain books is to declare the inhabitants to be either fools or slaves.”

~ Claude-Adrien Helvétius

<http://www.albany.edu/~mr3240/isp605/>

~ This site calls itself a “pathfinder to banned books”. It includes information on sources related to censorship, banned books, and book challenges. The site goes beyond the usual list of links to websites to include subject headings that can be used to search for information, call numbers of related books, and an annotated bibliography of books, encyclopedias, manuals, bibliographies, periodicals, indexes, and abstracts.

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/bannedbooks/>

~ This website has information about authors from around the world who have been persecuted for their writing.

<http://www.bannedbooks.info/>

~ Lists banned and challenged books in Texas public schools

<http://www.cla.ca/about/ethics.htm>

~ The four responsibilities of CLA members are given in the organization’s code of ethics.

<http://www.cla.ca/about/intfreed.htm>

~ The CLA’s position on intellectual freedom.

<http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/auth-illNancyGarden.htm>

~ An interview with YA author Nancy Garden, including her thoughts on attempts to ban her books and other censorship issues.

<http://www.forbiddenlibrary.com/>

~ Forbidden Library provides information related to banned and challenged books. Sections include books by title, books by author, FAQ, censorship quotes, and links to other sources.

[http://www.freedomtoread.ca/censorship\\_in\\_canada/case\\_studies.asp](http://www.freedomtoread.ca/censorship_in_canada/case_studies.asp)

~ Canada’s “Freedom to Read” website includes a section to submit information on current book challenges to help develop future programs and support systems.

<http://www.judyblume.com/censors.html>

~ Author Judy Blume talks about censorship issues.

<http://www.ncac.org/>

~ This is the website for the National Coalition Against Censorship, an American organization. It includes news items, publications, links, special program information, and “action

“The only valid censorship of ideas is the right of people not to listen.”

~ Tommy Smothers

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alerts". The NCAC provides assistance to librarians facing efforts to ban books.

"To choose a good  
book, look in an  
inquisitor's  
prohibited list."

~ John Aikin

[http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=444](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=444)

~ Does your library self-censor? Take the New York Library Association's self-censorship quiz. Other sections of the website include guidelines for dealing with challenges.

[http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar\\_day.asp?id=295](http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/calendar_day.asp?id=295)

~ Programs, lesson plans, links, and resources related to "Banned Books Week."

<http://www.ric.edu/astal/censorship/>

~ A list of professional resources and non-fiction and fiction titles for the general public that address issues of censorship. Compiled by the Alliance for the Study and Teaching of Adolescent Literature at Rhode Island College.

<http://www.smartwriters.com/index.2ts?page=swjagust2004>

~ This issue includes an article on sexuality in YA fiction. YA authors and specialists present their opinions on the topic.

<http://www.smartwriters.com/index.2ts?page=swjsept2004>

~ The September 2004 issue of *Smart Writers Journal* on censorship issues including author perspectives, "Banned Books Week" information, and "dangerous" books teens should read.

<http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-cormier-robert.asp>

~ An interview with Robert Cormier, author of an often challenged book, *The Chocolate War*.

<http://www.tgnyc.org/NYC041160/main.html>

~ A website for teens (based in the U.S.) on censorship, teen legislation, and the war in Iraq. It has polls on various issues and message boards for discussions.