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Sonya Sones
Reason: language, sexual content

2. THE HATE U GIVE
Angie Thomas
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3. PUSH
Sapphire
Reason: language, sexual content, drug use

4. DIOS PARA LOCOS BAJITOS
Enrique Barrios
Reason: language
BANNED BOOKS

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AXTELL ISD
School: Axtell Elementary
Book: Timmy Failure, Stephan Pastis
- Reasons Cited: drug and alcohol use
- Action Taken: Removed from elementary school library; allowed to remain in MS and HS.

AXTELL ISD
School: Axtell High School
Book: What My Mother Doesn't Know, Sonja Jones
- Reasons Cited: profanity, sexual content
- Action Taken: Banned; permanently removed from library collection.

COOPER ISD
School: Cooper JH/HS
Book: Push, Sapphire
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content, drug use
- Action Taken: Banned; permanently removed from library collection

GRAHAM ISD
School: Graham Junior High
Book: Ghost Story, Julian F. Thompson
- Reasons Cited: sexual content, drug or alcohol use
- Action Taken: Banned; permanently removed from library.

GRAHAM ISD
School: Graham Junior High
Book: Death Benefits, Sarah N. Harvey
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content
- Action Taken: removed from junior high library; allowed to remain in HS

KATY ISD
School: Mayde Creek JH
Book: The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
- Reasons Cited: language, violence
- Action Taken: removed from middle school library; moved to HS

KATY ISD
School: WoodCreek Elementary
Book: The Graveyard Volumes I & II, Russell P. Craig
- Reasons Cited: violence
- Action Taken: removed from elementary school library; allowed to remain in MS and HS

MISSION C. ISD
School: Mission Junior High
Book: Pretty Little Liars: Killer, Sara Shepard
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content, violence
- Action Taken: Banned; removed permanently from library

NORTHSIDE ISD
School: Hobby Middle School
Book: Sp4rx, Wren McDonald
- Reasons Cited: profanity, ‘adult content’
- Action Taken: removed from MS libraries; allowed to remain in HS

NEW BRAUNFELS ISD
School: Voss Farms Elementary
Book: Dios para Locos Bajitos, Enrique Barrios
- Reasons Cited: sexual content, drug and alcohol use
- Action Taken: Banned; permanently removed from library.

40% of books removed from collections were permanently banned.
CHALLENGED BOOKS

The Best Man by Richard Peck was challenged by three school districts, more than any other book this school year.

**AXTELL ISD**
School: Axtell High School
Books: Princess in Training by Meg Cabot, Exposed by Kimberly Marcus, The Boy Most Likely by Huntley Fitzpatrick
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content, violence
- Action Taken: Reviewed and retained for older high school students, respectively

**EAGLE MTN-SAGINAW ISD**
School: Prairie Vista MS
Books: Freak the Geek by John Green, I am Malala by Malala Yousafai and Patricia McCormick
- Reasons Cited: language, religious references
- Action Taken: Edited version of story provided, and removed from reading list, respectively

**CARLISLE ISD**
School: Carlisle JH/HS
Book: I’m With Stupid and Stupid Fast Series, Geoff Herbach
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content
- Action Taken: Use restricted

**CALHOUN COUNTY ISD**
School: Jackson Roosevelt Elementary
Book: The Best Man, Richard Peck
- Reasons Cited: language, religious references
- Action Taken: Use restricted

**GRAHAM ISD**
School: Crestview Elementary
Book: Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales, Nathan Hale
- Reasons Cited: language, violence
- Action Taken: Retained, the material was altered to censor profanity

**BEAUMOUNT ISD**
School: Not Disclosed
Book: Me Before You, Jojo Moyes
- Reasons Cited: inappropriate content
- Action Taken: Content changed or deleted

**LIVINGSTON ISD**
School(s): All Middle Schools, Livingston High School
- Reasons Cited: language, sexual content, violence
- Action Taken: Use restricted (no restriction), respectively

**KILLEEN ISD**
School: Pershing Park Elementary
Book: Drama, Raina Telgemeier
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**MESQUITE ISD**
School: Mackey Elementary
Book: The Best Man, Richard Peck
- Reasons Cited: same-sex marriage
- Action Taken: Not banned, committee determined book met district standards

**MONTESSORI FOR ALL**
School: Montessori For All
Book: I am Jazz, Jessica Herthel
- Reasons Cited: sexual content, politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Removed from elementary school library; allowed to remain in MS and HS
Drama by Raina Telgemeier was challenged for the third year in a row. Reasons cited include being politically, racially, or culturally offensive.

**COLDSPRING-OAKHURST CISD**
School: Coldspring Intermediate School
Book: The House of Hades, Rick Riordan
- Reasons Cited: offensive to religious sensibilities
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**CYPRRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD**
School(s): Cy-Fair HS, Bridgeland HS, Hamilton MS, Farney Elementary
- Reasons Cited: sexual content or nudity, politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**HALLETTSVILLE ISD**
School: Hobby Middle School
Book: The Best Man, Richard Peck
- Reasons Cited: not disclosed
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**FORT BEND ISD**
School: Lake Olympia Middle School
Book: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Mildred Taylor
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Content changed or deleted

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Book: The Best Man, Richard Peck
- Reasons Cited: not disclosed
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**KLEIN ISD**
School: French Elementary
Book: PebbleGo Database, Capstone Publishers
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**KNIGHT ISD**
School: French Elementary
Book: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

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**MCKINNEY ISD**
School: Minshew Elementary
Book: The Giver, Lois Lowry
- Reasons Cited: sexual content and violence
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)

**PROSPER ISD**
School: Prosper HS
Book: A Separate Peace, John Knowles
- Reasons Cited: Challenged due to community concern
- Action Taken: Book under review and advisement by administration; still available through school library

**SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD**
School: Del Rio Middle School
Book: Lying Out Loud, Kody Keplinger
- Reasons Cited: language
- Action Taken: Alternate book provided

**YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
School: All Schools
Book: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive
- Action Taken: Retained (no restriction)