

## Here are some other books that have been banned.....

**Black Beauty by Anna Sewell** - Banned by the South African Government during the Apartheid era because of the word 'Black in the title.

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll** - Banned in the Hunan province of China in the 1930s for portraying animals as acting on the same level as humans

**All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque** - Banned in Nazi Germany for portraying the German military forces in a bad light

**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou** - Banned in some US schools and libraries on the grounds of pornography and violence

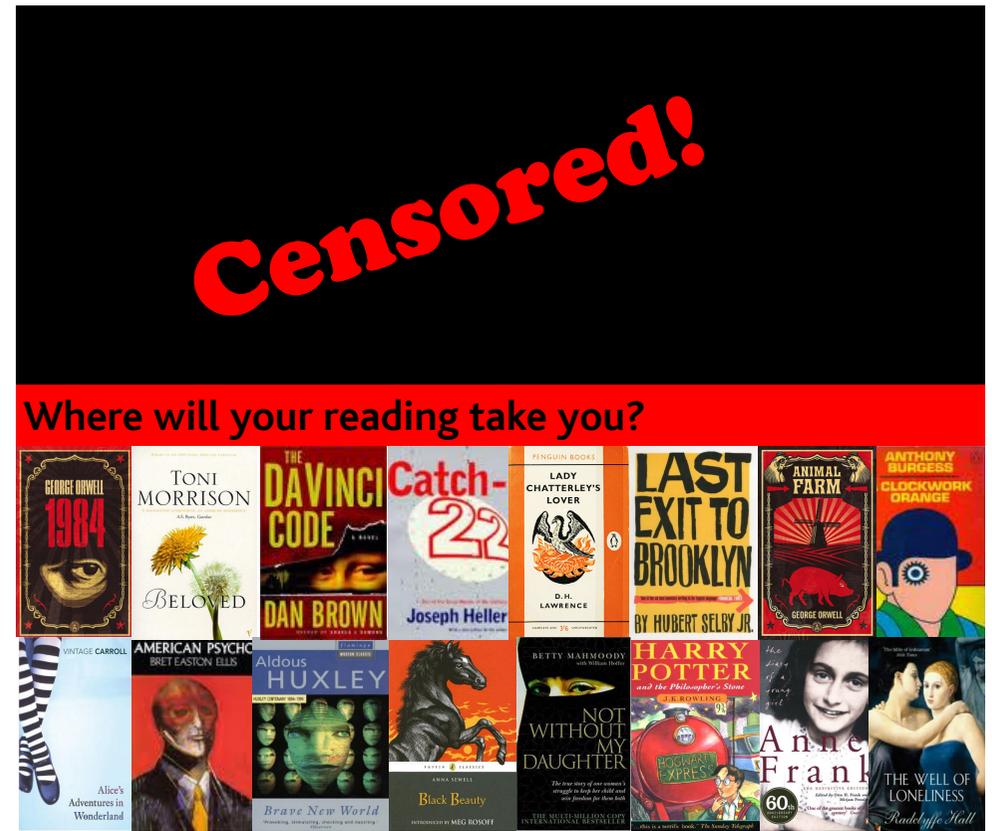
**Last Exit to Brooklyn by Herbert Selby** - Banned in the UK in 1967 due to its sexual content and references to drug taking.

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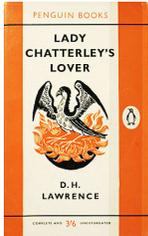
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us to read!**

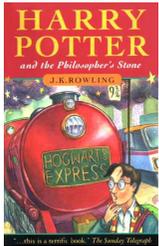
Ever since books have been published, people in positions of power all over the world have sought to suppress and limit access to books that challenge the “official” view. These are just a few of those books....

## Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D. H. Lawrence



One of the most famous banned books in the UK. First published in 1928, it was not available in Britain until 1960, after it's publishers, Penguin were brought to trial under the Obscene Publications Act.

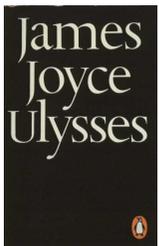
## Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling



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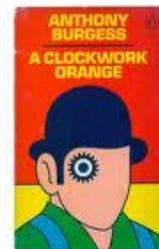
In the US, this book was banned and burned in many states for promoting witchcraft. It was also banned in some Christian schools in the UK

## Ulysses by James Joyce



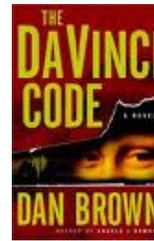
This was banned on obscenity grounds in the UK until the 1930s. It has gone on to become one of the most highly regarded novels of the 20th century

## A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess



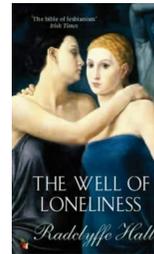
This was withdrawn from some US schools as it was thought to contain too much sexual violence. Stanley Kubrick's film of the novel caused huge controversy and was withdrawn by the director himself.

## The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown



This book has been frequently criticised for its historical and scientific inaccuracy. It has also been widely denounced as an attack on the Roman Catholic church and was banned by Christian leaders in Lebanon.

## The Well of Loneliness by Radclyffe Hall



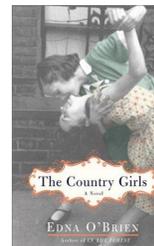
This was immediately banned when it was published in the UK in 1928 due to its lesbian theme. It was eventually published in the US after a lengthy court battle.

## Animal Farm by George Orwell



In the 1940s it was thought that this book could be perceived as being critical of the USSR and so was deemed too controversial to print during wartime. In 2002, the novel was banned in schools in the United Arab Emirates.

## The Country Girls by Edna O'Brien



Six of Edna O'Brien's novels, including The Country Girls were banned and sometimes burnt in her native Ireland because of their sexual content.