

Challenged/Banned Books

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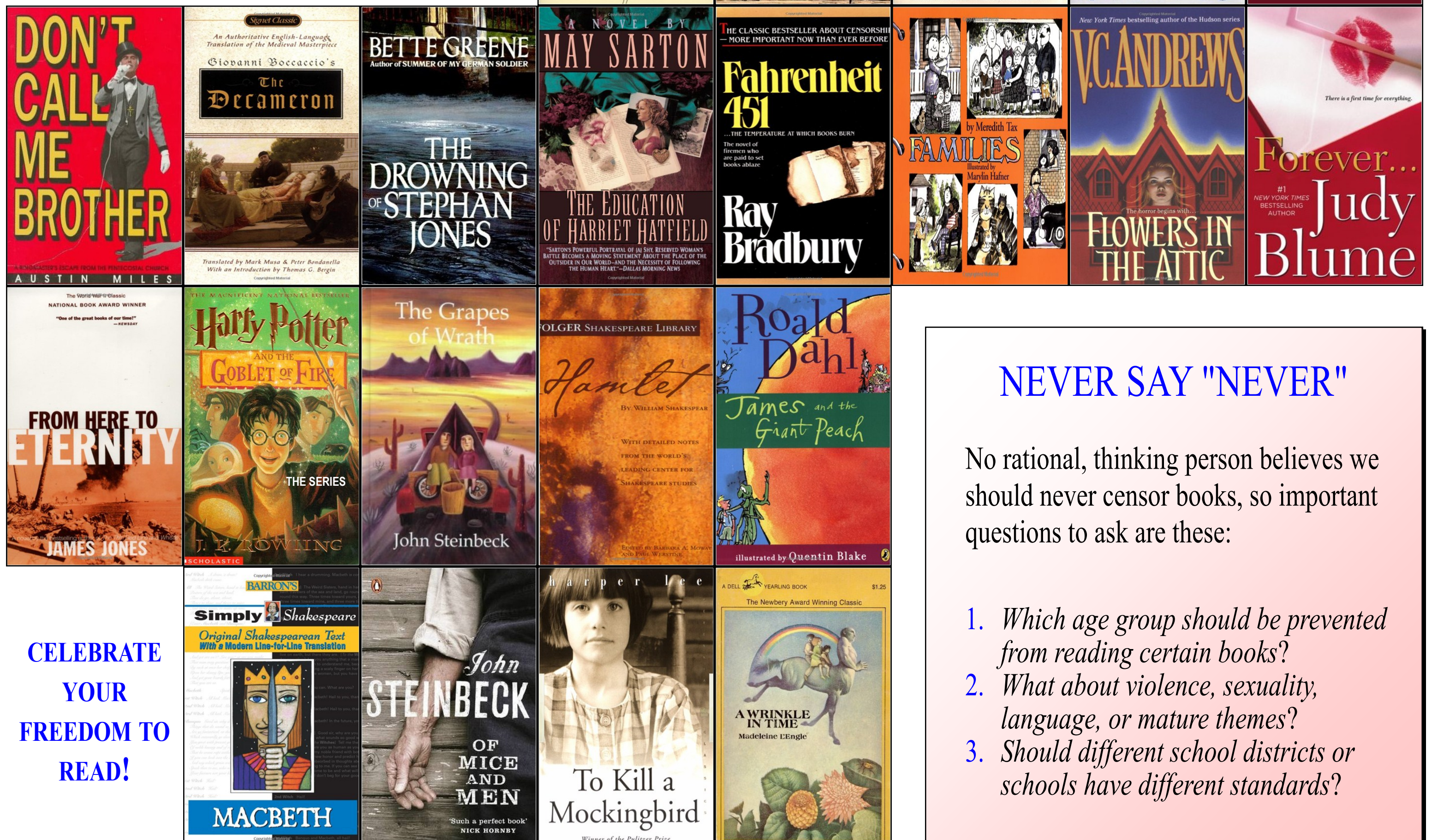
Each of these books has been challenged or banned at some time.

DEFINITIONS:

A **challenge** is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based on the objections of a person or group. A **banning** is the removal of those materials.

Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others. The positive message of **Banned Books Week** is *Free People Read Freely*. Due to the commitment of librarians, teachers, parents, students, and other concerned citizens, most challenges are unsuccessful, and most materials are retained in the school curriculum or library collection.

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NEVER SAY "NEVER"

No rational, thinking person believes we should never censor books, so important questions to ask are these:

1. Which age group should be prevented from reading certain books?
2. What about violence, sexuality, language, or mature themes?
3. Should different school districts or schools have different standards?

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