

## 2013 Top 10 - Challenged

- **"Captain Underpants"** (series), by Dav Pilkey / **Reasons:** Offensive language, unsuited for age group, violence
- **"The Bluest Eye,"** by Toni Morrison  
**Reasons:** Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
- **"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian,"** by Sherman Alexie  
**Reasons:** Drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
- **"Fifty Shades of Grey,"** by E.L. James  
**Reasons:** Nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
- **"The Hunger Games,"** by Suzanne Collins **Reasons:** Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group
- **"A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl,"** by Tanya Lee Stone **Reasons:** Drugs/alcohol/smoking, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit
- **"Looking for Alaska,"** by John Green **Reasons:** Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
- **"The Perks of Being a Wallflower,"** by Stephen Chbosky **Reasons:** Drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
- **"Bless Me Ultima,"** by Rudolfo Anaya  
**Reasons:** Occult/Satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
- **"Bone"** (series), by Jeff Smith  
**Reasons:** Political viewpoint, racism, violence

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*Sabrina Carnesi, Committee Chair*

Have you had a book  
other library materi-  
al challenged at your  
Virginia school library?

Report a Challenged Book to VAASL  
Report a Challenged Book to ALA

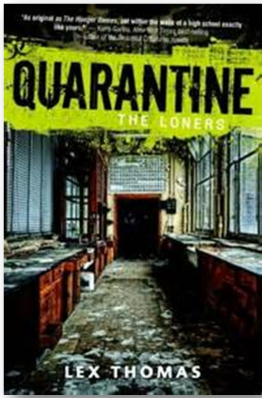
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**WE'VE BEEN  
CHALLENGED!**  
VAASL Intellectual  
Freedom Roundtable

Featuring the Librarians that  
were Involved

**2013-2014 REPORTED  
BOOK CHALLENGES**  
THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2014

*Intellectual Freedom is  
the right of every  
individual to seek and  
receive information  
from all points of view  
and have free access to all  
expressions of ideas and all  
sides (ALA)*



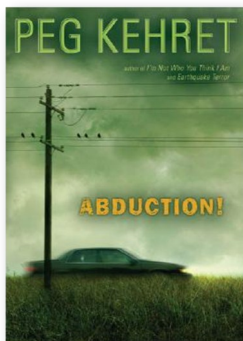
**Awards: 2013 Booklist Editors' Choice Books for Youth** The best high-concept YA thriller of the year is this paranoia-soaked novel in which an infected Colorado high school is quarantined by the government, leading to various cliques that

transform into warring tribes. Gritty and fearless. - **Heather Balsey** Byrd Middle School Library Vinton, VA [hbalsley@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:hbalsley@rcs.k12.va.us) **Amy Cummings** - Roanoke County Schools [acummings@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:acummings@rcs.k12.va.us) —

**Study Guide:**

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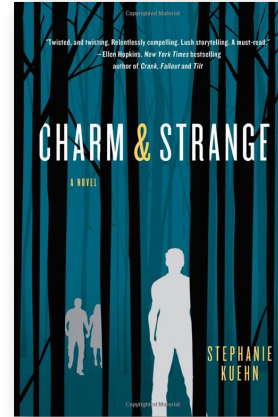
**Reasons:** On March 30, 2006, this book was featured on a [KMSP](#) newscast discussing a parent who was disturbed by the book when her 4th grader brought it home and read it aloud. This book contains graphic language including a descriptive account of a man aiming a gun at a young girl's heart



**Kathi Rakes** Leesville Road Elementary Library: Lynchburg, VA. [burst@emailmeform.com](mailto:burst@emailmeform.com)

**Awards: William C. Morris Debut YA Award 2014**

**Reasons: Sexual Abuse, Mental illness, Psychological Abuse**  
**Tami Brooks**  
• Amhers Middle School Library: Amherst, VA [tbrooks@amherst.k12.va.us](mailto:tbrooks@amherst.k12.va.us)

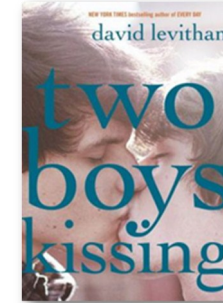


**Reasons:** Satanic references; all the names for the devil; against religious beliefs  
**Initiating Source:** parent  
**Results:** Informal meeting with Administrator, parent, and librarian: Defended as a



cautionary tale **Sabrina Carnesi** – The Marie Holland Library at Crittenden Middle School: Newport New, VA [sabrina.carnesi@nn.k12.va.us](mailto:sabrina.carnesi@nn.k12.va.us)

**Community Group Took Control of Final Decisions for Selection Decisions at Galan HS** - Amber Couch – Currently Sedgefield ES / Formerly Galax HS: Galax, VA [ancouch@gmail.com](mailto:ancouch@gmail.com)



**Awards:** 2013 National Book Award Nominee  
**Reasons:** Inappropriate sexual content  
**Initiating Source:** Parent

Results: Hearings, Media Coverage and national attention:  
**Rebecca Isaacs** - [risaac@FCPS1.ORG](mailto:risaac@FCPS1.ORG)  
**Mary Jo Sears** [msears@fcps1.org](mailto:msears@fcps1.org)  
Fauquier High School Library: Warreton, VA. The national attention gained by this challenge triggered



major media attention and support from community groups outside the state.

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