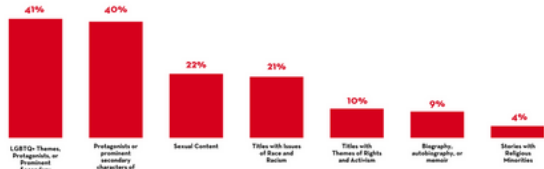


**Subject Matter of Banned Content**  
By Percentage of Unique Banned Titles, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Note: many titles contain more than one type of content.



Data from PEN America Index of School Book Bans, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.



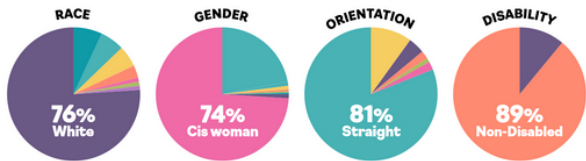
Check Out This Website For More Book Recommendations and Tips on How to Start Your Own Diverse Book Club

<https://readingrepresentationbookclub.webador.com/>



**DIVERSITY IN PUBLISHING 2019 - DIVERSITY BASELINE SURVEY BY LEE & LOW BOOKS**  
INDUSTRY OVERALL EXECUTIVE LEVEL EDITORIAL SALES MARKETING & PUBLICITY BOOK REVIEWERS LITERARY AGENTS INTERNS

**Industry Overall**



- 76% White/Caucasian
  - 7% Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
  - South Asian
  - 6% Latin/Latina/Mexican
  - 5% Black/Afro American/Afro Caribbean
  - 3% Biracial/Multiracial
  - <1% American Indian/Alaskan Native/First Nations/Native American
  - 1% Middle Eastern
  - 1% Other
- 74% Cis woman
  - 23% Cis man
  - 1% Genderfluid/Non-binary/Genderqueer
  - 1% Trans man
  - 1% Trans woman
  - 1% Intersex
  - 1% Other
- 81% Straight/Heterosexual
  - 10% Bisexual/Pansexual
  - 4% Gay
  - 2% Lesbian
  - 1% Asexual
  - 2% Other
- 89% No
  - 11% Yes

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HOW TO DIVERSIFY YOUR READING

# Evaluate Your Reading

How many books on your shelf fit a certain demographic? Have you read books by POC or LGBTQ+ authors this year?

It's crucial that we explore literature by and about a diverse range of people so that we can see ourselves represented, develop a better understanding of those different than ourselves, and become more empathetic.

Diversity is especially important in children's literature, as they are beginning to adopt an outlook on the world. Unfortunately, work needs to be done. In 2018, more children's books had animal main characters than main characters of color (CCBS). As readers, we must support works that celebrate POC and LGBTQ+ voices and in turn, demand better from publishers.

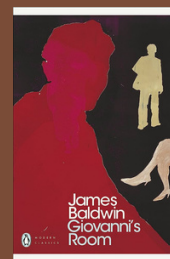
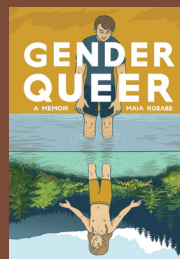


# Expand Your Reading

Read those banned books and diverse books! People are going after books about race, gender, sexuality, history, and more, which only censors voices. We must continue to advocate for inclusivity and a safe environment for all, and the continual reading of diverse literature is essential. Pick up one of these books today:

1. Gender Queer: A Memoir (Most Banned Book of 2022)
2. The Bluest Eye
3. The God of Small Things
4. Giovanni's Room
5. Ceremony
6. Maus
7. Native Son
8. When the Emperor Was Divine
9. All Boys Aren't Blue
10. Woman at Point Zero
11. The Handmaid's Tale
12. The Satanic Verses
13. The Kite Runner

These are only a few suggestions for a start. Be sure to research even more banned and diverse literature!



# Share Your Reading

Don't stop at improving your own reading. Start or join a book club focused on diversifying your book shelves, share your latest reads with friends, and spread recommendations on social media. If you notice your kids' books are also lacking in diversity, sign up for a diverse books subscription box such as OurShelves. There are many ways to diversify your home's and community's shelves.

Another thing to note is that there are a diverse range of authors in every genre. Seek out diversity in romance books, science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, and every genre.

