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Reading Representation

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About This Club



What Will We Do This Year?

- Read
- Discuss
- Activities

Book Banning in the United States

32 States

have banned books
this year.

2,500 +

books have been
banned during the
2021-2022 school
year.

4 Million+

students have been
affected by book
banning.

**Books that
feature...**

protagonists of color
and LGBTQ+
characters are
disproportionately
banned.



Diversity in Literature



40% of banned books

The percent of banned books featuring protagonists or primary secondary characters of color.



41% of banned books

The percent that addressed LGBTQ+ themes.



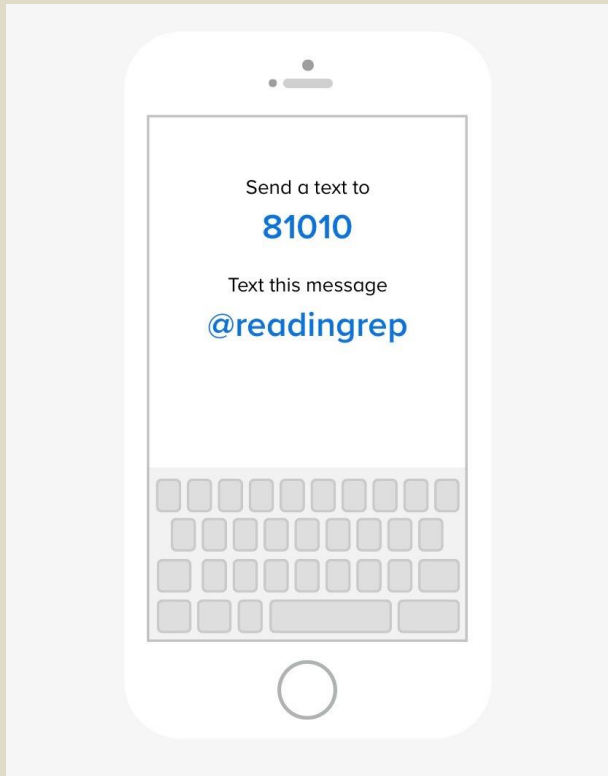
21% of banned books

The percent that addressed issues of race and racism.

**50% of children's book
protagonists are white, 27% are
animals characters, and only
23% feature minority
protagonists.**

-University of Wisconsin Madison

Join the Remind!

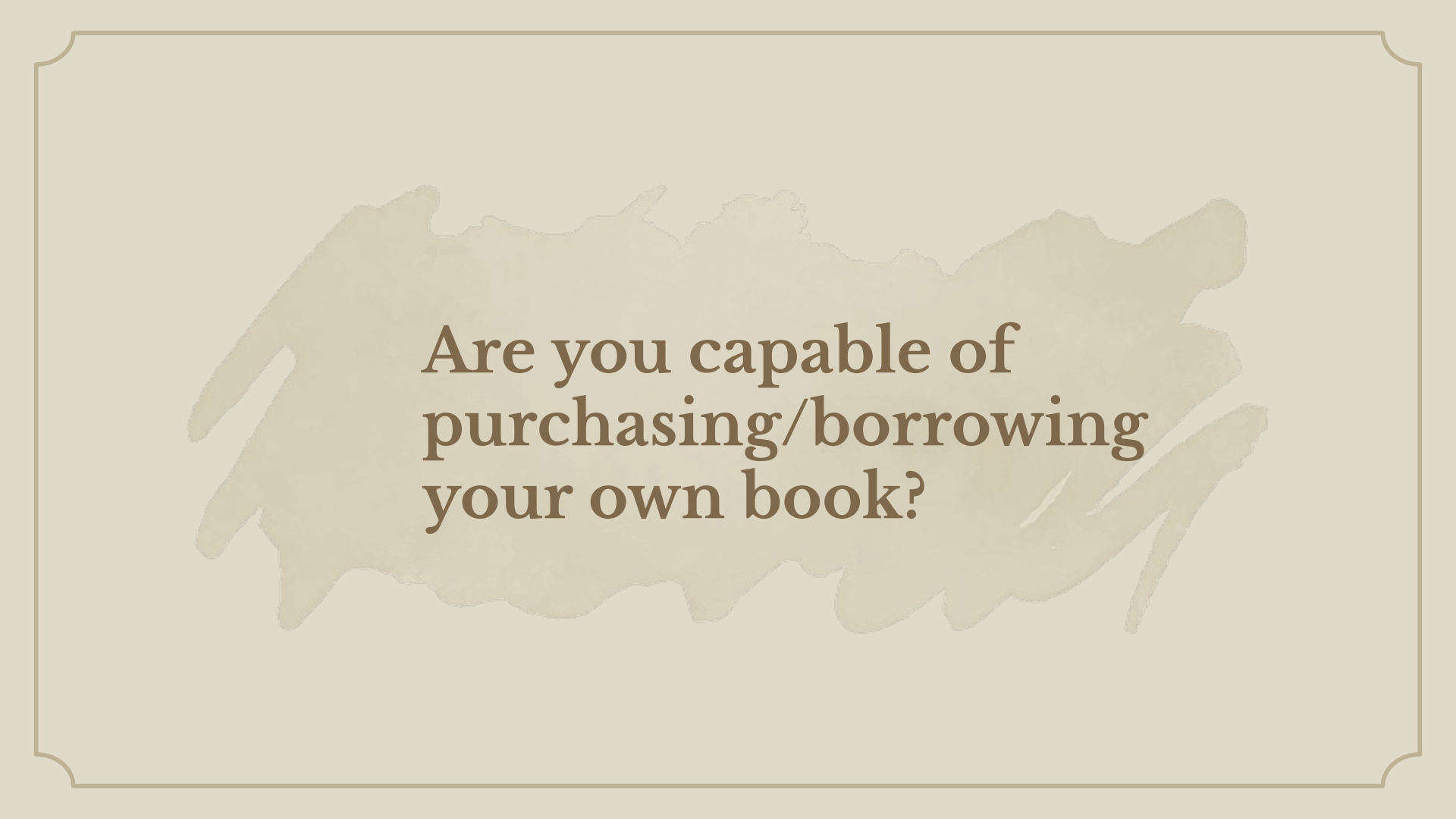


Potential Books

- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin
- *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
- *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy
- *Woman at Point Zero* by Nawal El Saadawi
- *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith
- *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck
- *The House of Spirits* by Isabel Allende
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*We're open to any suggestions. Please fill out the survey to choose which books you would prefer to read.





**Are you capable of
purchasing/borrowing
your own book?**

Helpful Link:

PEN America Index of School Book Bans

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1hTs_PB7KuTMBtNMESFEGuK-0abzhNxVv4tgpl5-iKe8/htmlview?urp=gmail_link#gid=1171606318



**Why Should We
Read Banned and
Diverse Books?**