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## Why Was It Banned?

You have probably heard of and even read some of the books that people have banned or tried to ban. Can you guess why some people didn't like them? Try to match the books listed below with the reasons people banned or tried to ban them. (Your teacher will share the correct answers with you later.) Then think about the questions on the second page.

Book	Reason
<b>"Where the Wild Things Are"</b> by Maurice Sendak A little boy who's angry at his parents is whisked away to a magical land, where he becomes king of all the wild beasts.	<b>A.</b> Encourages children to become witches
<b>"A Light in the Attic"</b> by Shel Silverstein Goofy poems for children, including "How Not to Have to Dry the Dishes" and "Little Abigail and the Beautiful Pony."	<b>B.</b> Includes graphic violence and mystical powers
<b>"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"</b> by C.S. Lewis Three children find a secret world and fight to free it from the evil witch who has made herself queen of the land.	<b>C.</b> Encourages children to break dishes instead of drying them properly
<b>The Harry Potter book series</b> by J.K. Rowling A boy discovers he's actually a wizard and encounters many adventures when he goes to a school for young wizards.	<b>D.</b> Shows wild behavior and supernatural events
<b>The Captain Underpants book series</b> by Dav Pilkey The adventures of a scantily-clad superhero created by two fourth-graders featuring such characters as Wedgie Woman and Dr. Diaper.	<b>E.</b> Teaches children to lie, spy on others, and talk back to adults
<b>The Goosebumps book series</b> by R.L. Stine Creepy short novels for young readers about the supernatural and featuring spooky characters.	<b>F.</b> Bathroom humor encourages bad behavior and disrespect to adults
<b>"Harriet the Spy"</b> by Louise Fitzhugh The adventures of a little girl who alienates her friends after deciding to hone her skill as a writer by writing down everything she witnesses.	<b>G.</b> Too scary and violent for kids

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**Think about this:**

- Have you read any of these books? Do you think they should be banned? Why or why not?
  
- Were you surprised by some of the reasons people tried to get books banned? If yes, which ones and why?