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# Banned Books Quiz



For World Book Day 2009 we had a BANNED books promo and quiz. The winners (who all win a book) are Harriet Bolt, Chris Brown, Sheila Robertson and Beth Gerrard. Thanks to all who entered. Here are the answers...

1. Which book created uproar worldwide with several people being killed due to their involvement in its translation and publication? It was burned in West Yorkshire in 1989 and the author had to go into hiding.

## **The Satanic Verses**

2. This important British author has had two major works of the Twentieth Century banned in the USA, both because of “pro-communist” matter. Which one was also banned in the USSR for being “anti-communist”?

## **Animal Farm**

3. One of these novels has given us various terms that have become part of our language, including “Room 101” and “Big Brother” – now also names of popular TV programmes. Can you name this book?

## **Nineteen Eighty-Four**

4. “The Lorax” was banned, Oh My! Oh Me!  
It was said to criminalize the forest industry. Who wrote it?

## **Dr Seuss**

5. Which trilogy was burned in 2001 in Almagordo, New Mexico as it was seen as ‘satanic’? (A recent trilogy of films based on these books won 17 Academy Awards, and were 8<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest-grossing films of all time).

## **The Lord of the Rings**

6. Jamie Oliver’s dinner time, perhaps? This work of literature was the last to be prosecuted in the United States in an obscenity trial.

## **Naked Lunch**

7. This book set during the Spanish Civil War was objected to by the Columbia University President (USA) after being recommended for the 1940 Pulitzer Prize – subsequently no Pulitzer Prize was awarded for 1940. In the same year the US Post Office declared the book non-mailable. Can you name this book?

## **For Whom the Bell Tolls**

*\*Sorry for our error – the correct date for this event was 1941, not 1940.*

8. Which book about book burning and censorship was handed out to pupils in Irvine, California in 1992 with scores of words “blacked out”?

### **Fahrenheit 451**

9. In 1931 a popular children’s story was banned in Hunan Province, China. See if you can guess the title from the curioiser and curioiser quote below – but don’t lose your head over it!

*“Animals should not use human language, and that it was disastrous to put animals and human beings on the same level”.*

### **Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland**

10. Can you name a famous diary that was rejected in parts of the USA several times, as being ‘pornographic’ and a ‘real downer’ [1982,1983 & 1998] This has always been a popular text book in schools here, and the subject of a recent television series on BBC1 from 5-9 January 2009.

### **Anne Frank: the Diary of a Young Girl**

11. Which play, challenged in Pennsylvania in 1982 as ‘sick words from the mouths of demon-possessed people’, was based on actual trials of 1692 and written as a response to the questioning and blacklisting of communists in the McCarthy era?

### **The Crucible**

12. Which classic children’s book was famously banned by the South African government in the apartheid-era because of one word in the title?

### **Black Beauty**