

THE BANNED WAGON: A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE

Book bans are on the rise in America, fueled by new laws and regulations limiting the kinds of books kids can access.

This fall, Penguin Random House, in partnership with Freedom to Read Foundation, PEN America, and Little Free Library, is launching *The Banned Wagon Tour of the South*, stopping in communities affected by censorship and getting books to the people who need and want them most.

TOUR DETAILS

WHY: According to PEN America, from July to December 2022, 1,477 books were restricted or removed from classrooms or school libraries. We fervently oppose these attempts at censorship because we believe that books make us better – they give us perspective, allow us to feel seen, and provide us with the opportunity to learn from one another. So, we're standing with the banned.

WHAT: The Banned Wagon is a vehicle for change... literally... road tripping through the South handing out free copies of banned or challenged books to people in affected communities.

WHO: Penguin Random House, Freedom to Read Foundation, PEN America, Little Free Library

WHERE and WHEN:

ATLANTA

Charis Books & More
Sunday, October 1
1-4 p.m.

NASHVILLE

The Bookshop
Tuesday, October 3
3-6 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS

Baldwin & Co.
Thursday, October 5
9 a.m. - noon

HOUSTON

Kindred Stories
Saturday, October 7
1-4 p.m.

PLUS banned book drops at **10 Little Free Libraries** along the tour route!

THE BOOKS

Dear Martin, Nic Stone

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

Shout, Laurie Halse Anderson

How to Be an Antiracist, Ibram X. Kendi

Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag, Rob Sanders

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot

The Magic Fish, Trung Le Nguyen

Too Bright to See, Kyle Lukoff

I Am Jazz, Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings