



T.A.B. News

The 411 on Book Banning by Yaa Kumah and Lauren Turner

The Chocolate War. Fallen Angels. The Perks of Being a Wallflower. These are just a few books banned in 2004.

Book banning did not start recently. It goes back to before the 12th century. Entire university libraries were consumed in flames for their books on "heretical" ideologies.

But why are books banned? Parents generally want to protect their children from hard truths they believe unsuitable. To quote a Supreme Court Justice,

however, "Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us."

Unfortunately, some Americans do not feel the supervision of literature is an impediment to freedom. In fact, book burnings have occurred in Berkley, California, and also in Cedarville, Pennsylvania.

We, as Harry Potter fanatics, were devastated to find out that HP was, and still is, one of the

most controversial and most burned books in America, the continent, even the world! Yes, we know, it's hard to believe.

No matter what their ages, many people all over the world have protested the unfair treatment of beloved pieces of literature. A fourth-grader in the Eastern York School District sued her school board to lift restrictions on her (and our) favorite book about magic.

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Fifteen Fave Fantasy Authors compiled by Elizabeth Frazier

C.S. Lewis

Susan Cooper

Meredith Pierce

Weis and Hickman

Anne McCaffrey

Ursula K. LeGuin

Patricia Wrede

Phillip Pullman

J.R.R. Tolkien

T.A. Barron

Brian Jacques

Tamora Pierce

Terry Goodkind

Robert Jordan

Is your favorite on the list? Check out a new author today!

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**** Incredible Editors for this Issue

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How it Rates

* Only if you are really bored

** Mildly entertaining

*** A good read

Authors of the 2006 Best Books for Young Adults

- Said Hyder Akbar and Susan Burton
- Susan Bartoletti
- Kalisha Buckhanon
- John Green
- Chris Lynch
- Stephanie Meyer
- Brian K. Vaughn
- Scott Westerfeld
- Chris Wooding
- Markus Zusak
- Check them Out!

Book Review by Amy Schumacher

Avalon High by Meg Cabot

A good, entertaining read ***



Meg Cabot's latest book, Avalon High is an entertaining read.

The mix of romance, fantasy and mystery is interesting and original. The

book is worth reading and will appeal mostly to teenage girls.

The novel follows the life of a high school junior named Ellie who has just moved to Annapolis, Maryland. Her parents are both medieval scholars and she is tired of everything medieval.

Ironically, her new high school is named after King Arthur's supposed resting place, Avalon.

Unwillingly, she is soon swept into the mysteries of the Order of the Bear and the startling discoveries about herself and her new friends that the Order provides.

Meg Cabot is the author of The Princess Diaries and The Mediator series as well as other adult and young adult titles .

Movie Review by Chelsea Walker

The Chronicles of Narnia "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"

I think "The Chronicles of Narnia" is a must see movie. The characters are so real! Aslan, the beavers and the centaurs bring more life and realism to the movie and help viewers better understand the book.

The villains in the movie can be recognized by their fiendish looks. The weapons the characters carry

"Though the witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still." CS Lewis

are fake but look realistic. The director did a very good job choosing the voices and characters for the movie, including Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy.

The movie, however, has some frightening characters such as the demonish ankle slicers and the

hideous ogres. If you have a fear of such things, don't watch this film! Now, the wolves aren't scary for most people, but these characters can surprise you in certain scenes. Other than that, it is a wonderful film. I'd give it 4.5 stars.

The 4 1 1 on Book Banning cont.

The American Library Association has even set aside an annual week in September during which we celebrate the freedom to read-whatever we want! Appropriately it is called Banned Book Week.

So next time you pick up a Junie B. Jones or a Captain Underpants book, remember you're lucky to be reading it at all. You're probably thinking "Junie B. Jones,



banned?" That's right. But don't worry; in every one of us, there is a fourth -grader willing to fight for her right to read. Salut!