

Recommended Common Reads from FIRE and First Amendment Watch

Fiction

Banned Books

- “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury (1953)
- “1984” by George Orwell (1949)
- “A Clockwork Orange” by Anthony Burgess (1962)
- “Brave New World” by Aldous Huxley (1932)
- “The Satanic Verses” by Salman Rushdie (1988)
- “We” by Yevgeny Zamyati (1924)

Nonfiction

Free Speech on Campus

- “Speak Freely: Why Universities Must Defend Free Speech” by Keith E. Whittington (2018)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“Speak Freely’ with Professor Keith Whittington”](#)
- “Free Speech on Campus” by Erwin Chemerinsky and Howard Gillman (2017)
- “Unlearning Liberty” by Greg Lukianoff (2012)

International Stories

- “Vigil: Hong Kong on the Brink” by Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom (2020)
- “Unfree Speech: The Threat to Global Democracy and Why We Must Act, Now” by Jason Y. Ng and Joshua Wong (2020)
- “A Wicked Company: The Forgotten Radicalism of the European Enlightenment” by Philipp Blom (2012)

Technology and Free Speech

- “The Age of Surveillance Capitalism” by Shoshana Zuboff (2018)
- “#Republic: Divided Democracy in the Age of Social Media” by Cass Sunstein (2017)

Press, the Media, and Free Speech

- “An Aristocracy of Critics: Luce, Hutchins, Niebuhr, and the Committee That Redefined Freedom of the Press” by Stephen Bates (2020)
- “Burning the Books: A History of the Deliberate Destruction of Knowledge” by Richard Ovenden (2020)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“Burning the Books’ with Richard Ovenden”](#)
- “The People vs. Ferlinghetti: The Fight to Publish Allen Ginsberg’s Howl” by Ronald K. L. Collins and David M. Skover (2019)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“The Fight to Publish Allen Ginsberg’s ‘Howl’”](#)
- “Lust on Trial: Censorship and the Rise of American Obscenity in the Age of Anthony Comstock” by Amy Werbel (2018)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“Lust on Trial’ with Amy Werbel”](#)
- “Freedom of the Screen: Legal Challenges to State Film Censorship, 1915-1981” by Laura Wittern-Keller (2008)
- “Make No Law” by Anthony Lewis (1991)

American History and Free Speech

- “Mere Civility” by Teresa M. Bejan (2017)
- “The Soul of the First Amendment” by Floyd Abrams (2017)
- “Revolutionary Dissent: How the Founding Generation Created the Freedom of Speech” by Stephen D. Solomon (2016)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“NYU Professor Stephen Solomon’s ‘Revolutionary Dissent’”](#)
- “Liberty’s First Crisis” by Charles Slack (2015)
- “The Great Dissent” by Thomas Healy (2013)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“‘The Great Dissent’ with Professor Thomas Healy”](#)
- “Defending My Enemy” by Aryeh Neier (1979)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“Aryeh Neier on ‘Defending My Enemy’”](#)

Tolerance and Censorship

- “Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All” by Suzanne Nossel (2020)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“‘Dare to Speak’ with PEN America’s Suzanne Nossel”](#)
- “HATE: Why We Should Resist it With Free Speech, Not Censorship” by Nadine Strossen (2018)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“‘HATE’ with Nadine Strossen”](#)
- “The Coddling of the American Mind” by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt (2018)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“‘Coddling’ One Year Later”](#)
- “Tyranny of Silence” by Flemming Rose (2016)
 - Resource: So to Speak podcast episode, [“Flemming Rose and ‘The Tyranny of Silence’”](#)
- “Freedom From Speech” by Greg Lukianoff (2014)
- “On Tolerance” by Frank Furedi (2011)
- “Kindly Inquisitors” by Jonathan Rauch (1993)
 - So to Speak podcast episode, [“Jonathan Rauch’s ‘Kindly Inquisitors’”](#)

Historical Documents and Foundational Texts

- “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech by Martin Luther King Jr. (1968)
- “Cato’s Letters” (1720-23) by John Trenchard and Thomas Gordon
 - Resource: [First Amendment Watch’s “History Speaks” entry](#)
- “The Report of 1800” by James Madison (1800)
 - Resource: [First Amendment Watch’s “History Speaks” entry](#)
- “On Liberty” by John Stuart Mill (1859)
 - Resource: [“All Minus One: John Stuart Mill’s Ideas on Free Speech, Illustrated”](#)
- Abrams v. United States (1919), Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, dissenting
 - Resource: [First Amendment Watch’s “History Speaks” entry](#)
- Whitney v. California (1927), Justice Louis Brandeis, concurring
 - Resource: [First Amendment Watch’s “History Speaks” entry](#)
- “Areopagitica” by John Milton (1644)
 - Resource: [First Amendment Watch’s “History Speaks” entry](#)
- “Letter Concerning Toleration” by John Locke (1689)

Bonus: Sources for First Amendment News and Commentary

- [New York University’s First Amendment Watch](#)
- [First Amendment News](#)
- [Georgetown Free Speech Project](#)
- [Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press](#)