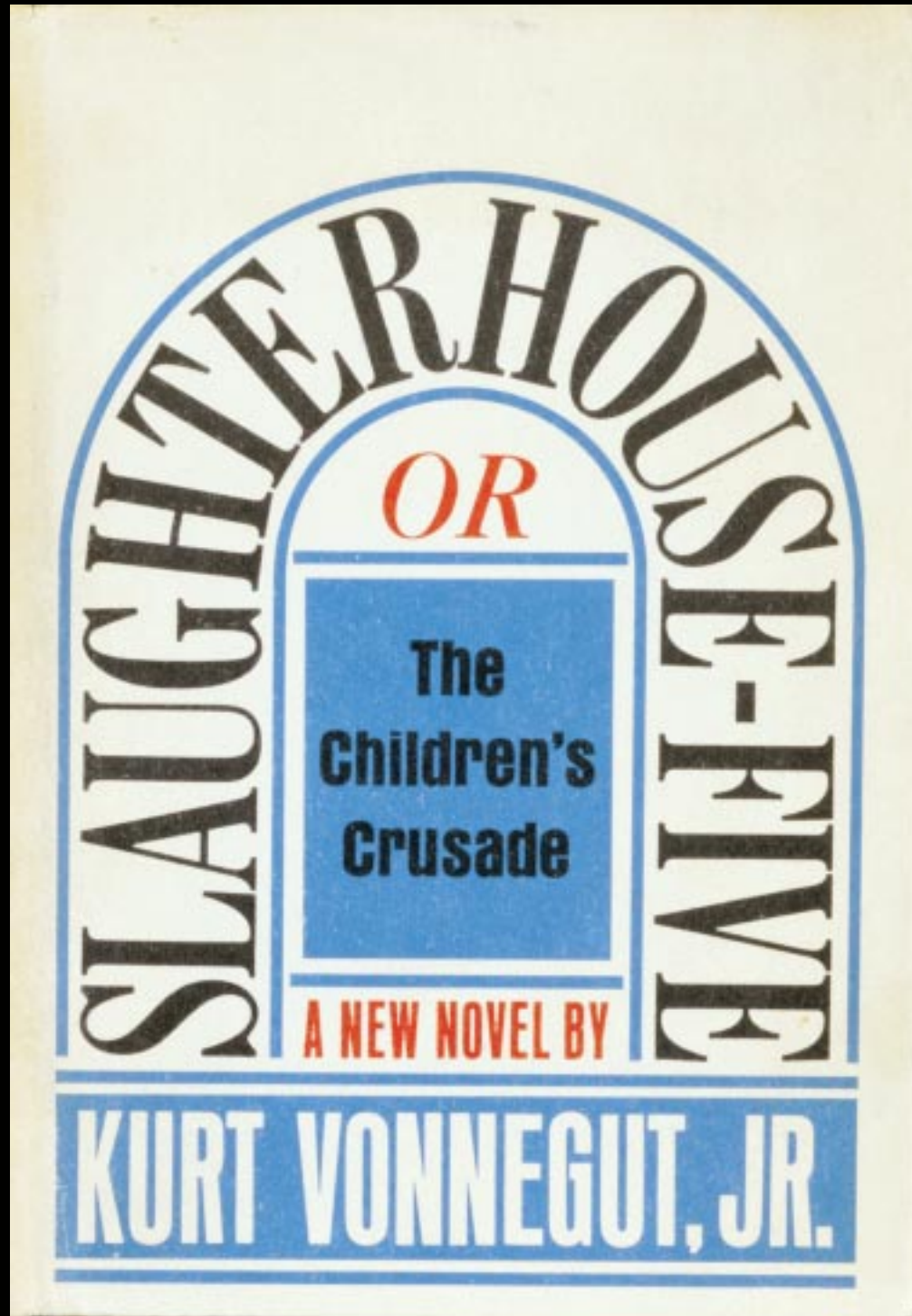
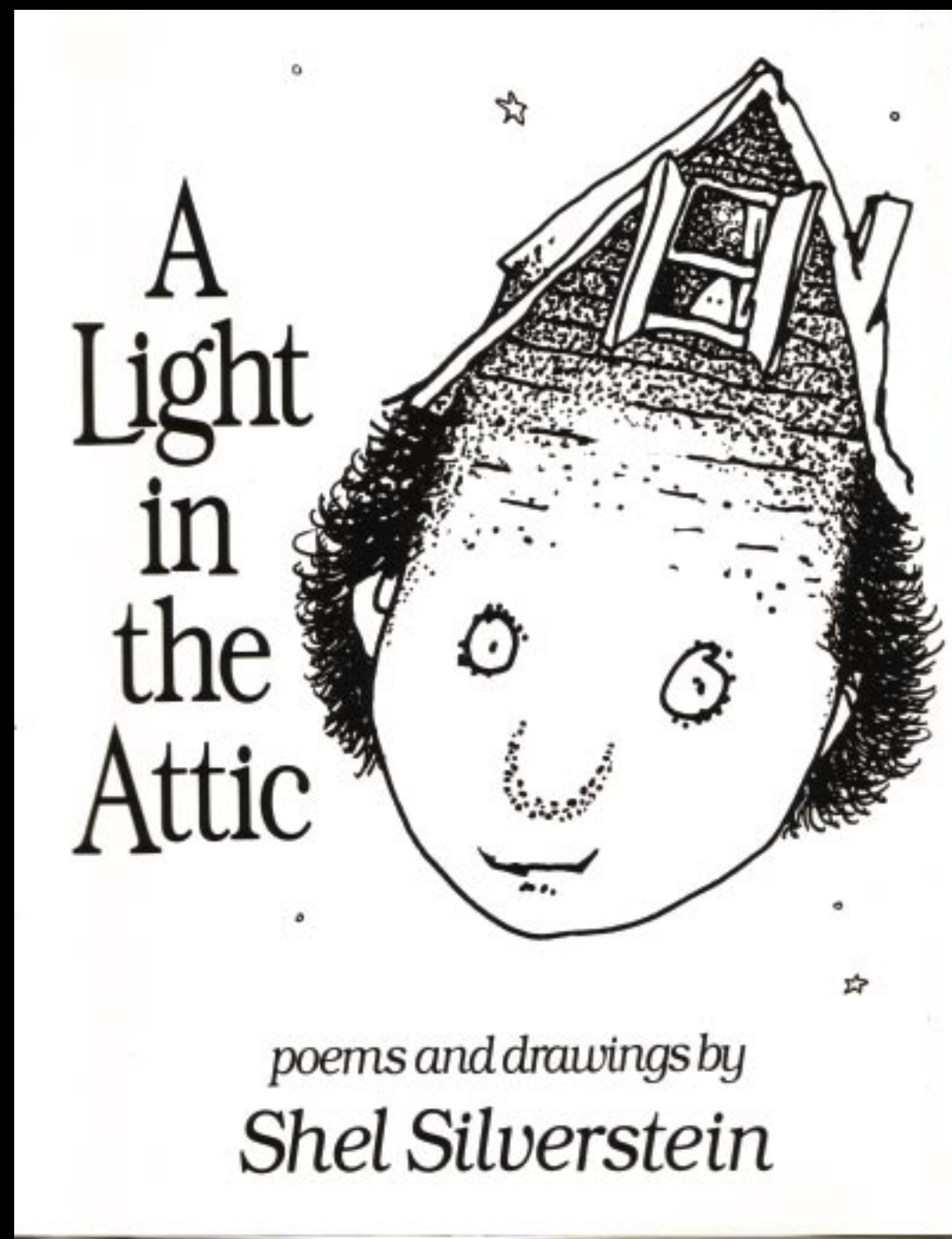


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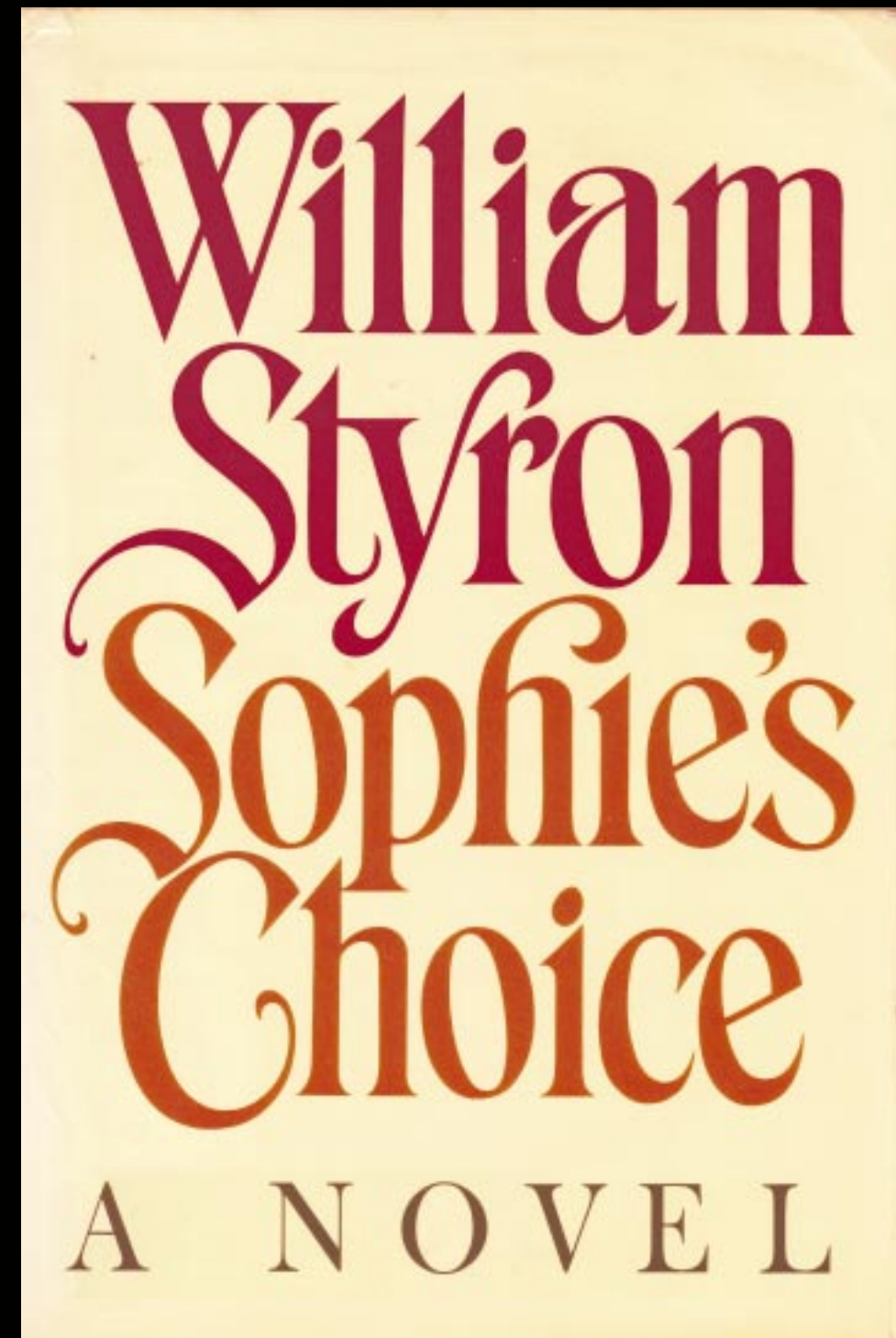
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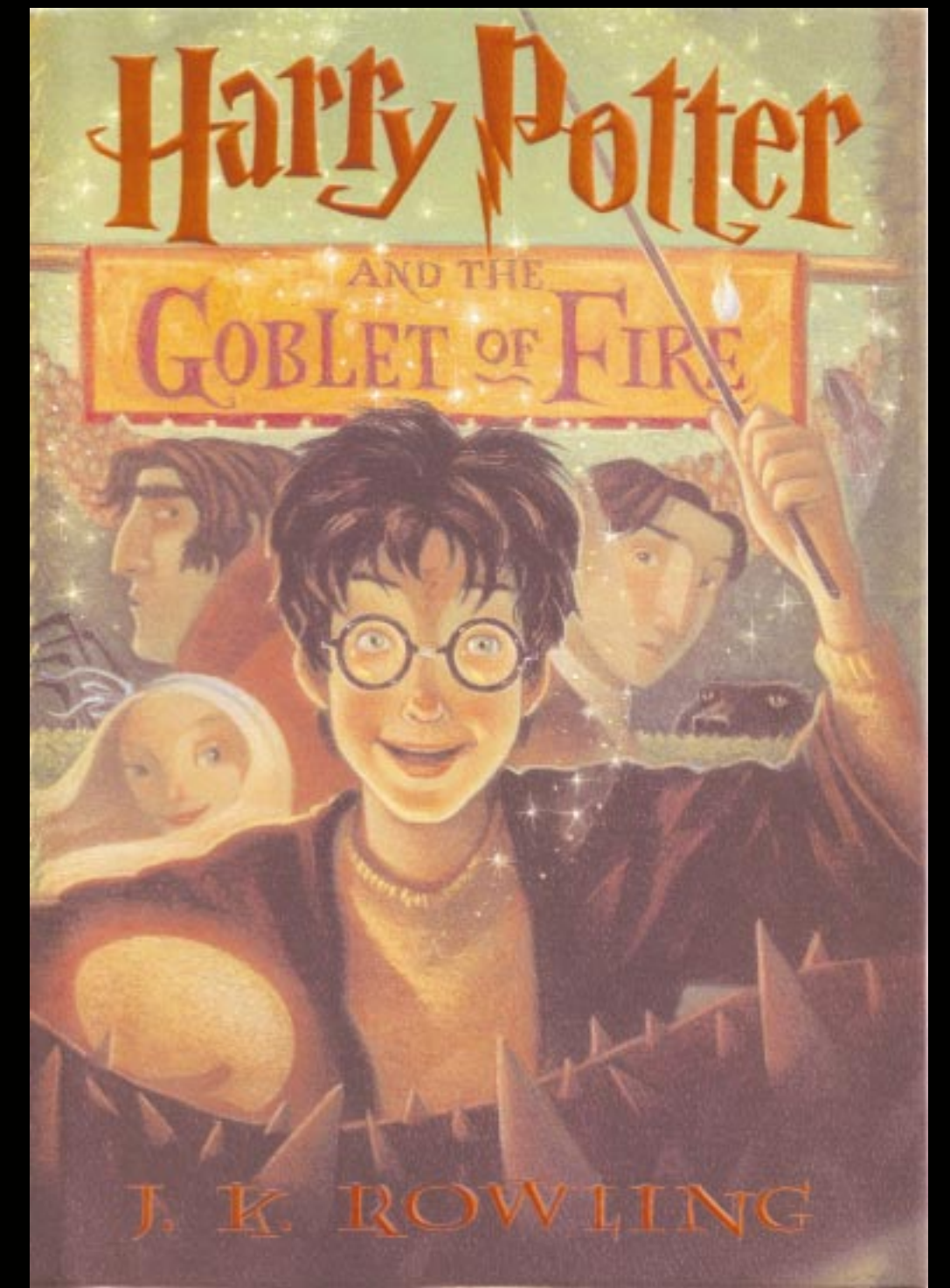
Slaughterhouse-Five 1998 - Prince William County, VA; banned for being "rife with profanity and explicit sex."



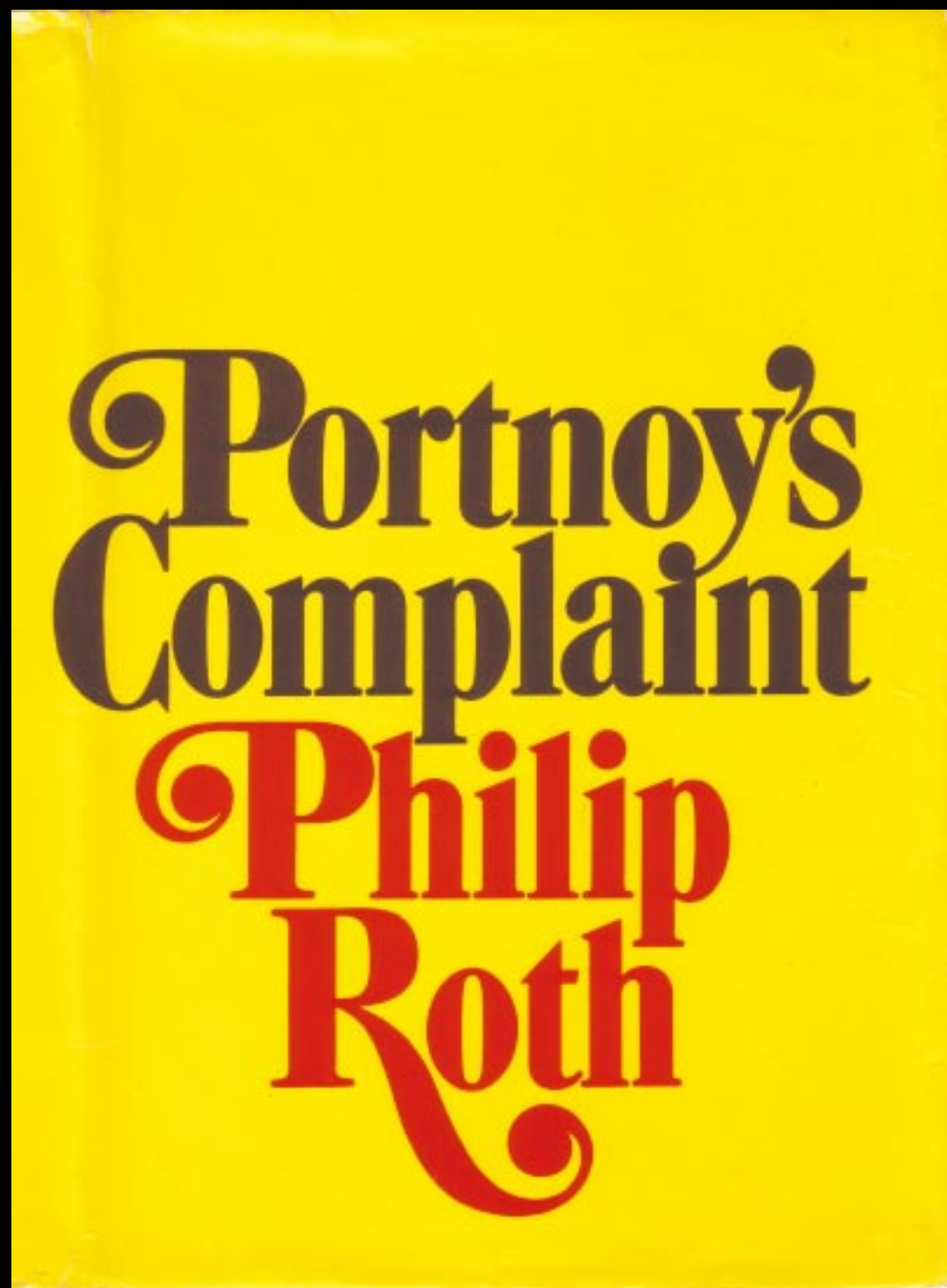
A Light in the Attic 1985 - Beloit, WI; banned because it "encourages children to break dishes so they won't have to dry them."



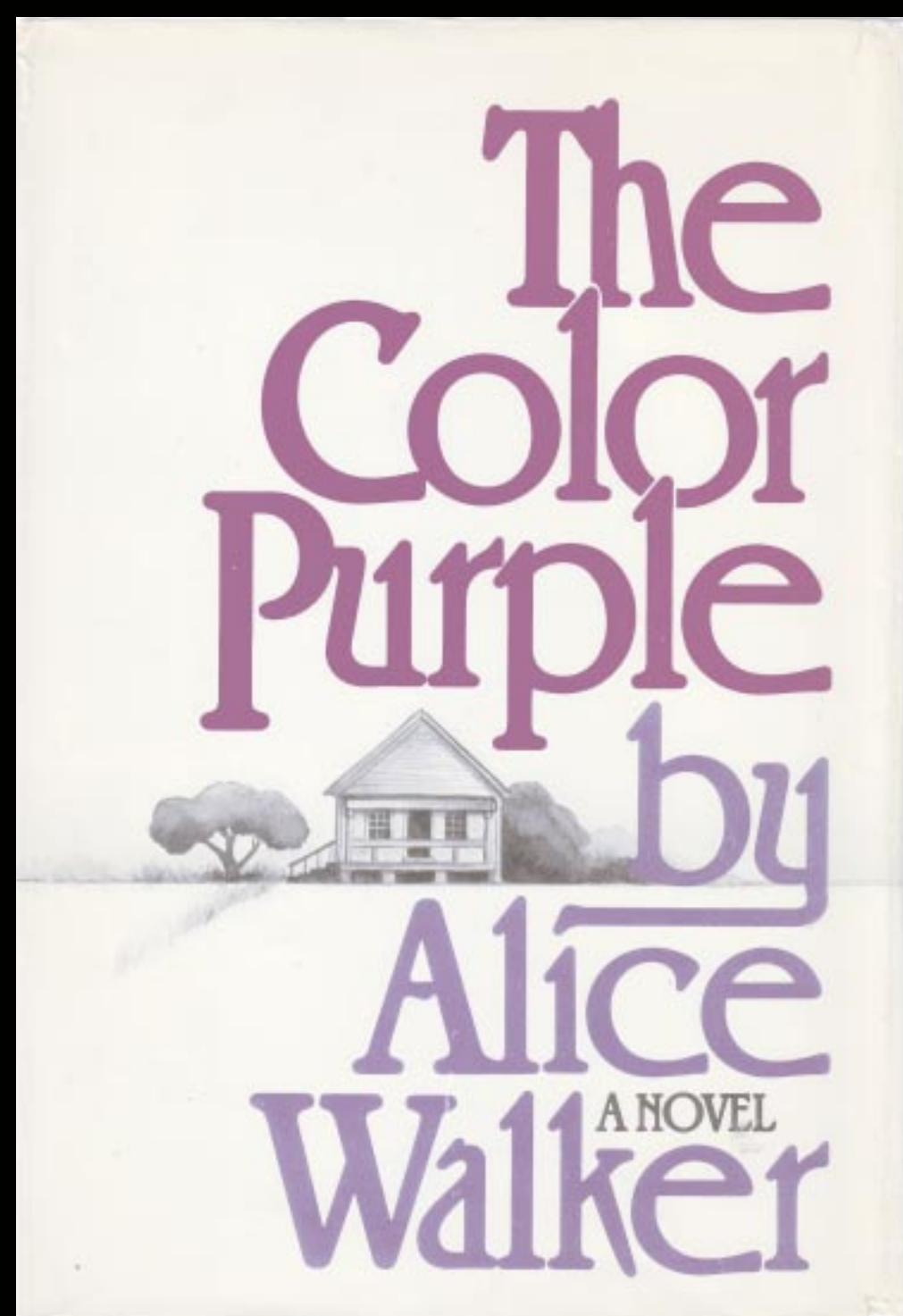
Sophie's Choice 2002 - La Mirada, CA; removed from the library after a complaint about its sexual content.



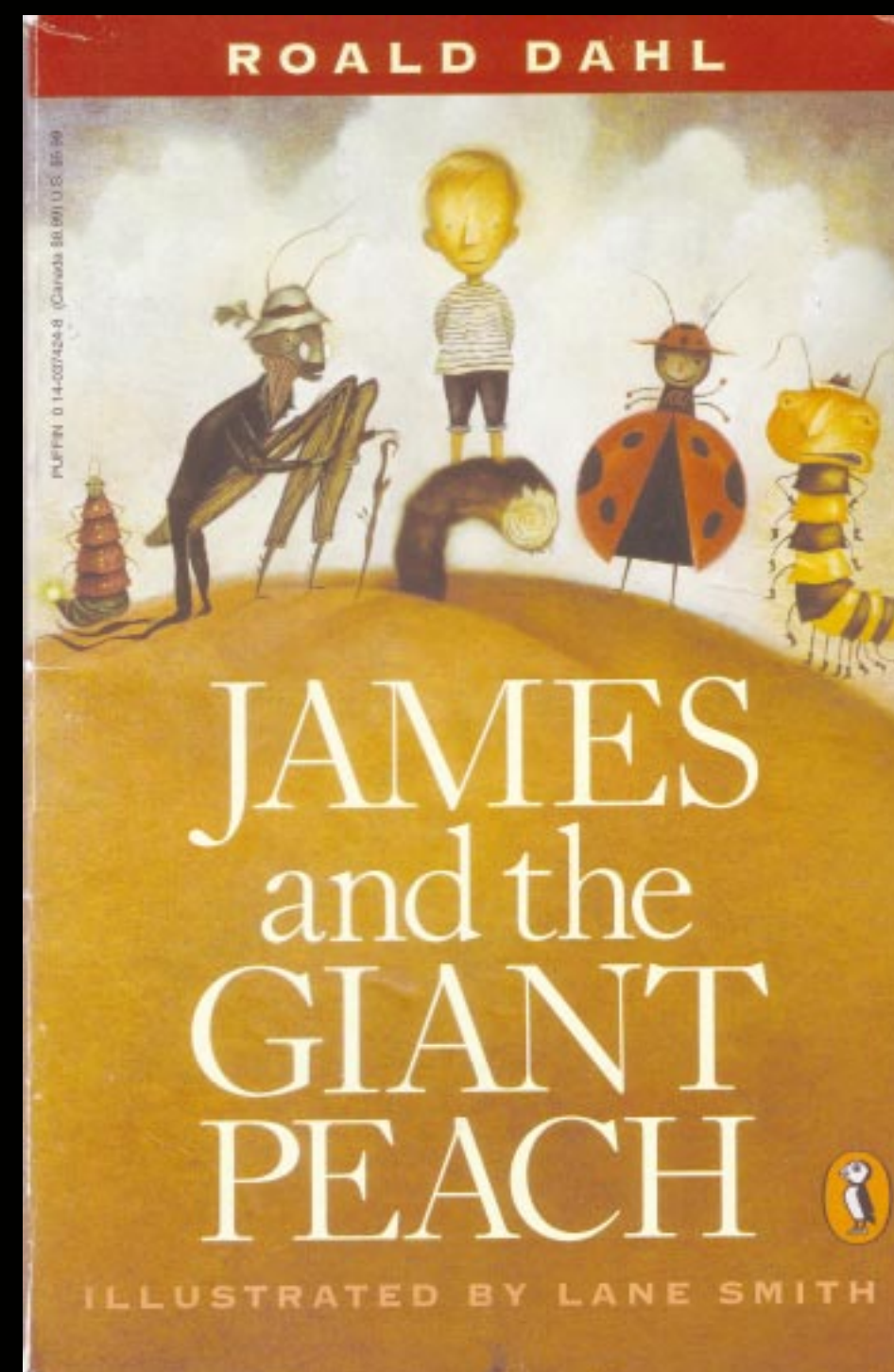
Harry Potter 1999 - So. Carolina schools; this book was challenged because of the "serious tone of death, hate, lack of respect, and sheer evil."



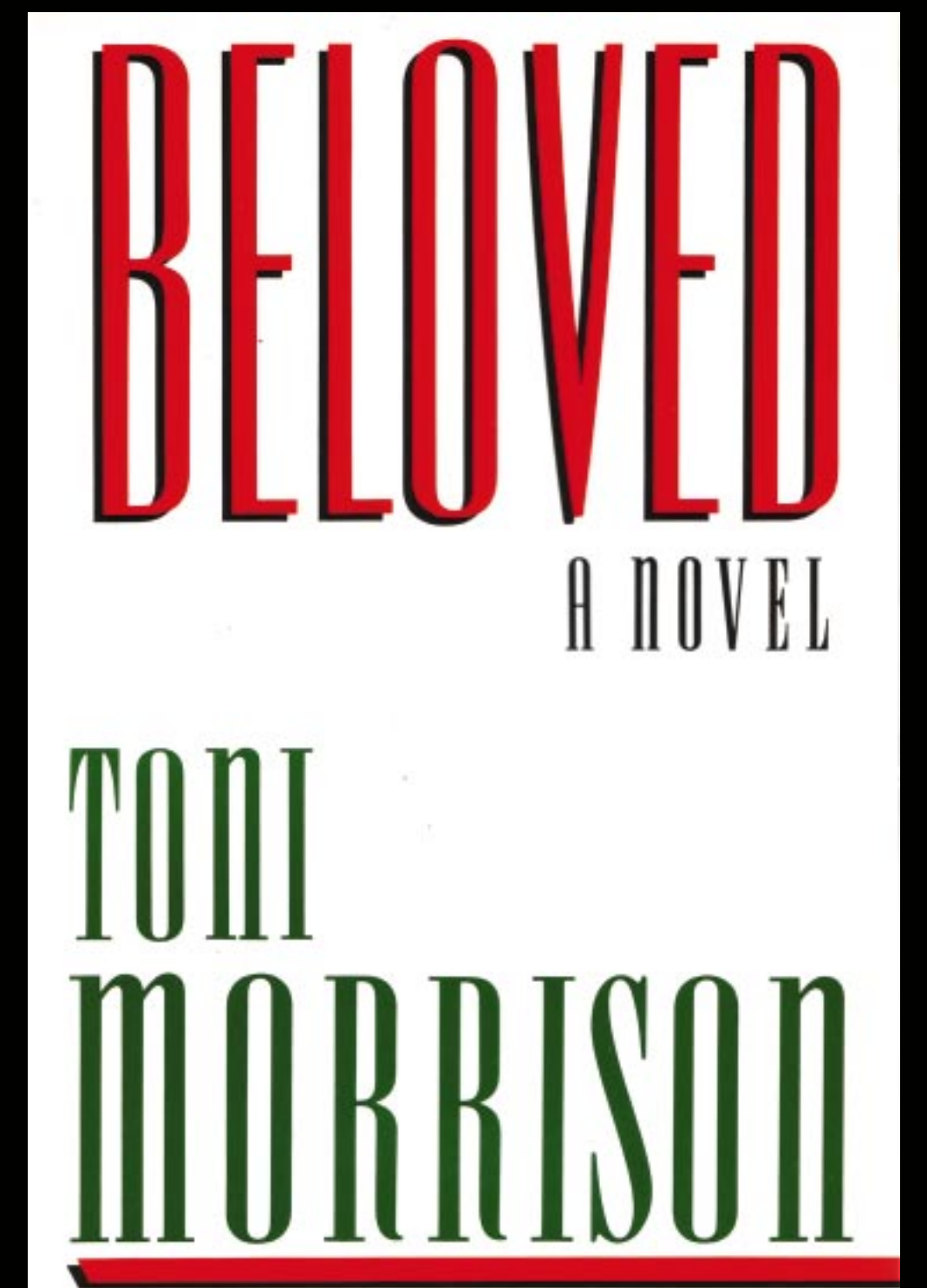
Portnoy's Complaint 1969 - Librarians were harassed and threatened for carrying this novel.



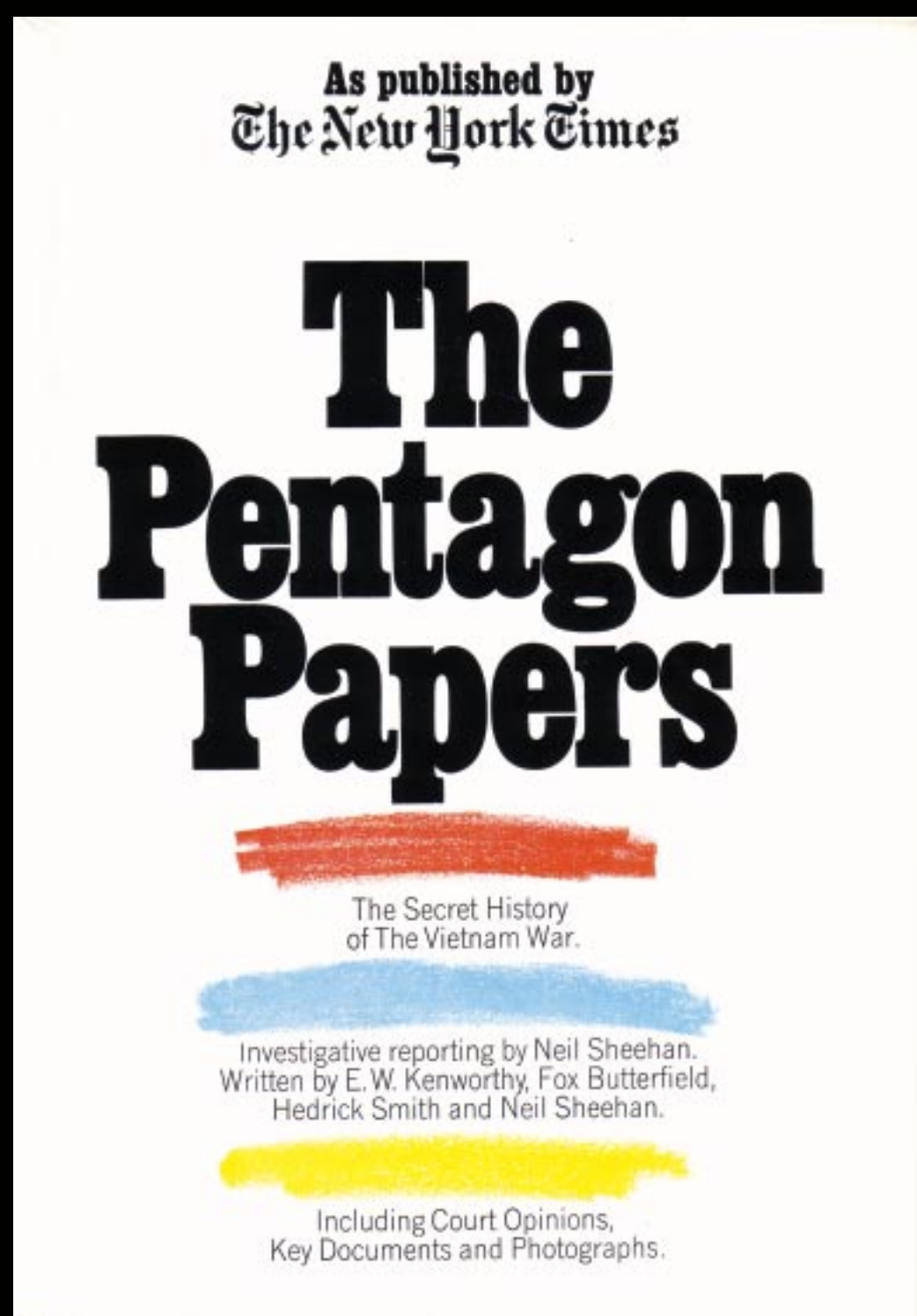
The Color Purple 1999 - Lima, OH; The Shawnee School removed this book for vulgar content.



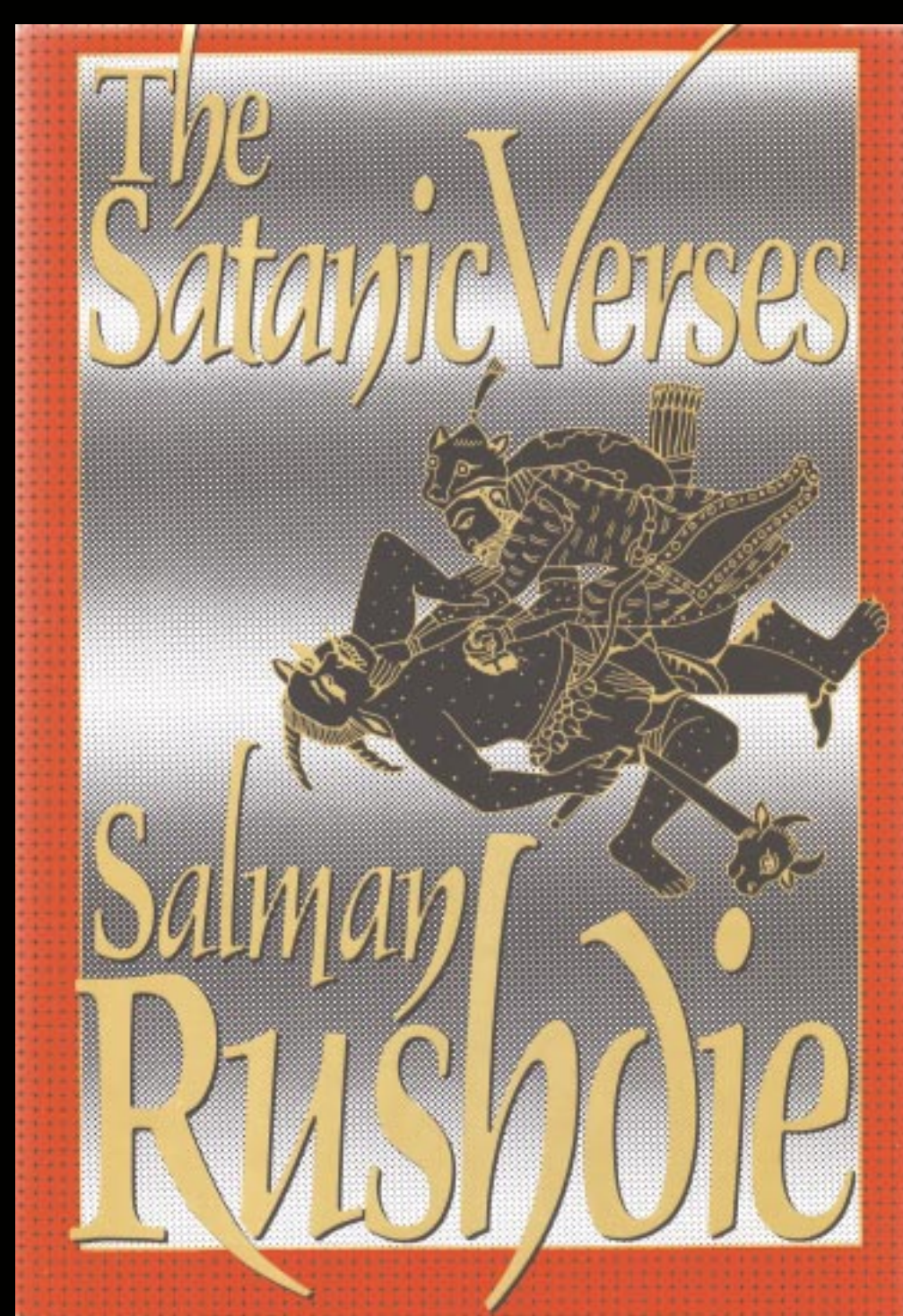
James and the Giant Peach 1991 - Alhambra, WI; banned for use of the word "ass," and for parts of the book dealing with wine, tobacco and snuff.



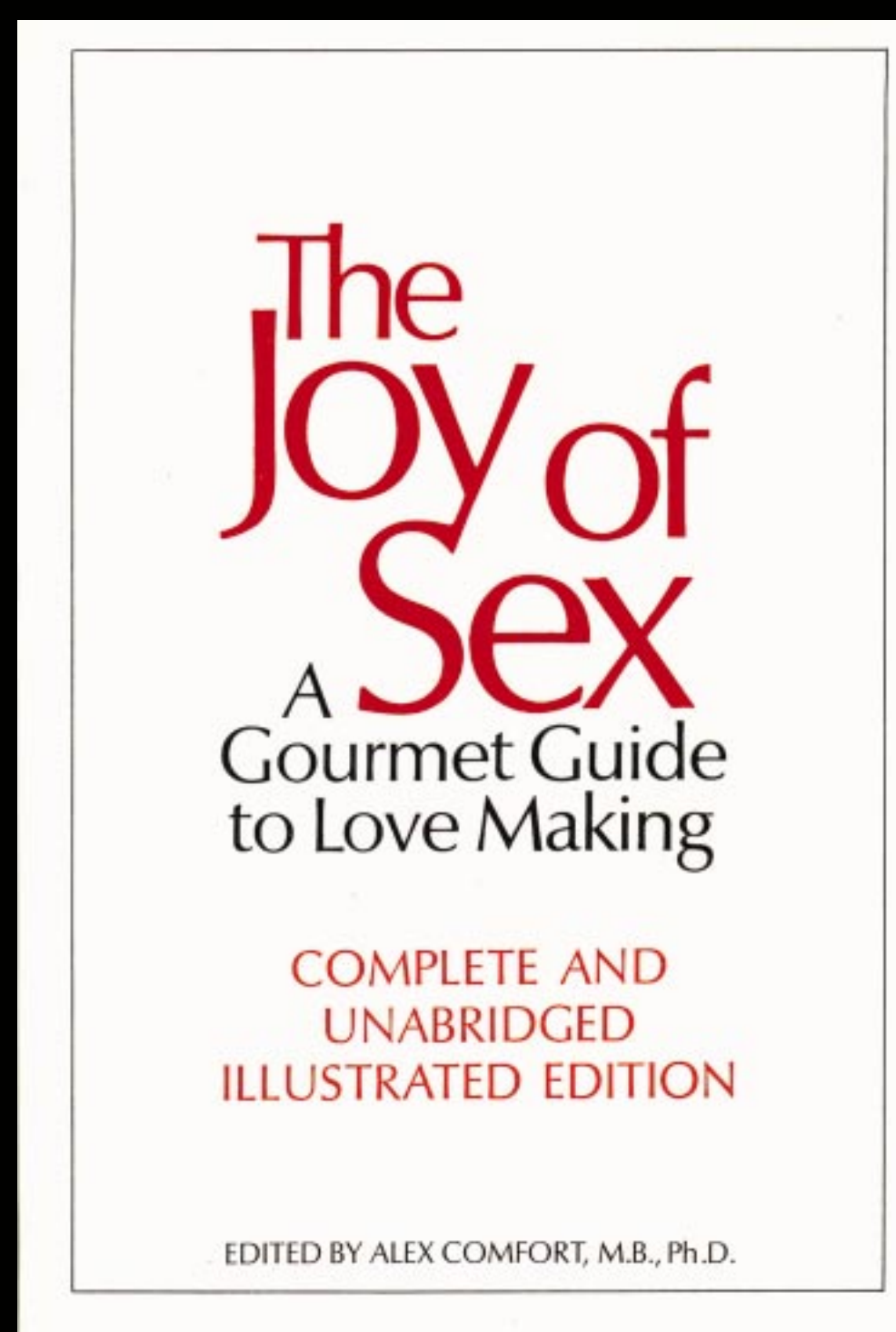
Beloved 1998 - Sarasota County, FL; Pulitzer Prize winning novel banned because of sexual material.



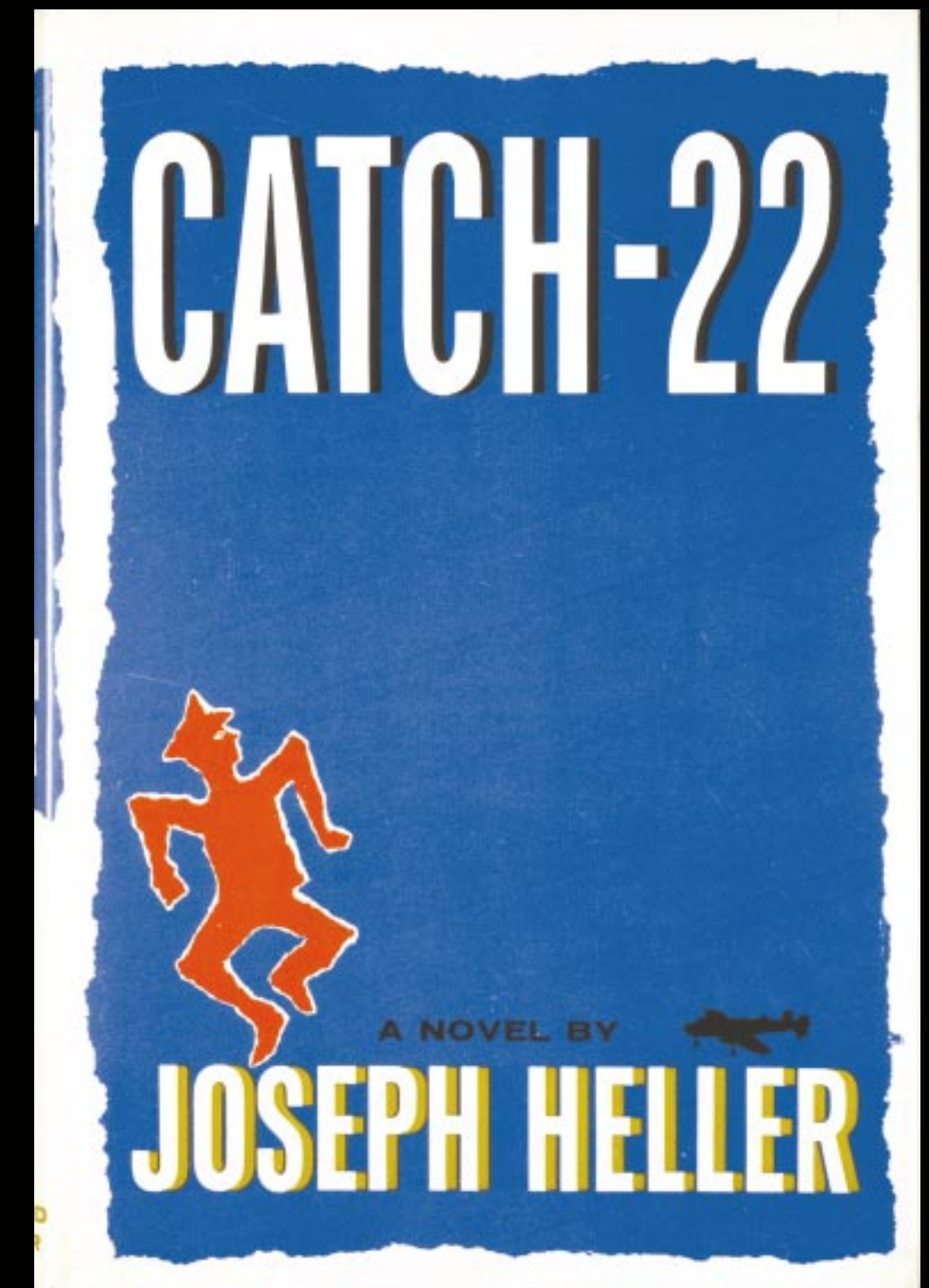
The Pentagon Papers 1971; printing interrupted by an extended court restraining order, later overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.



Satanic Verses 1989 - Wichita, KS; banned for being "blasphemous to the prophet Mohammed."



The Joy of Sex 1978 - Lexington, KY; this book was confiscated in accordance with a county ordinance prohibiting its display in places frequented by minors.



Catch-22 1979 - Snoqualmie, WA; banned for several references to women as "whores."

ACLU Freedom Concert

October 4th, 2004 - Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center

Black Keys Edie Brickell Mos Def Lila Downs Philip Glass Nanci Griffith
Maggie Gyllenhaal Jake Gyllenhaal Wyclef Jean Sarah Jones Tony Kushner
Sean Penn Lou Reed Paul Simon Robin Williams and others