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As a lifelong teacher of writing and literature, I understand the power of words in helping young people resolve the dilemmas that life presents to them. Most book bans seek, for reasons of ideology, to withhold information young children and teenagers need for guidance in navigating the modern world. Whether their questions relate to gender or sexuality, race or ethnicity, history or the future, kids need real information to help them find their own place, their own identity. Book bans will not change the problems they face, and will instead leave them bereft of vital resources.