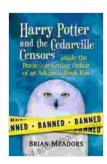
# Harry Potter and the Cedarville Censors

#### A Battle for the Books

In the small town of Cedarville, Ohio, a group of parents launched a campaign to ban the Harry Potter books from the local schools and library. They claimed that the books were full of witchcraft and devil worship, and that they would corrupt the children who read them.



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Led by a group of dedicated teachers, librarians, and parents, the community of Cedarville fought back. They organized rallies, wrote letters to the school board, and even filed a lawsuit. In the end, they prevailed, and the Harry Potter books remained in the schools and library.

Harry Potter and the Cedarville Censors is a gripping account of this battle for the books. With exclusive interviews and behind-the-scenes details, this book tells the story of a community that stood up for its beliefs and won.

#### The Battle for the Books

The battle over the Harry Potter books in Cedarville began in 2001, when a group of parents complained to the school board about the books. The parents claimed that the books were full of witchcraft and devil worship, and that they would corrupt the children who read them.

The school board initially voted to remove the books from the schools. However, a group of teachers, librarians, and parents led by librarian Ann Klaas appealed the decision. They argued that the books were not harmful, and that they should be available to students who wanted to read them.

The case went all the way to the Ohio Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the school board. However, the Cedarville community did not give up. They organized rallies, wrote letters to the school board, and even filed a lawsuit.

In 2003, the Cedarville school board finally voted to reinstate the Harry Potter books in the schools and library. The community had won its battle for the books.

### The Impact of the Battle

The battle over the Harry Potter books in Cedarville had a profound impact on the community. It brought people together to fight for what they believed in, and it showed that even a small community can make a difference.

The battle also had a national impact. It helped to raise awareness of the issue of book banning, and it inspired other communities to fight for their own intellectual freedom.

Today, the Harry Potter books are still available in the Cedarville schools and library. They are a reminder of the power of books, and of the importance of fighting for what you believe in.

#### **Meet the Author**

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#### Reviews

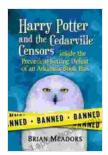
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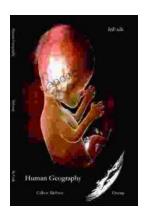
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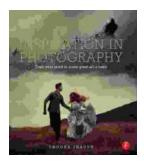
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