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Books Are written for people by people and with the utmost interest for people to read and learn from. books are read by those people who actively search them out, pick them up, turn the pages, read them, learn from them, and if they choose to , this information with others. Books can scare people because people are scared of the unknown, of people different from them, and what lies beyond their own knowledge and experience boundaries. Books are there to help people learn, to help them escape the confines of their realities, sheltered, or not. urban or rural, conservative of liberal. Books are the gateways to knowledge expansion and compassion for others, they are written for others to read. or choose not to read. we all have choices to make and we get to choose that's part of being human. Books should never be banned because people need this shared knowledge to understand their place in the world. to debate, to find empathy to share similarities and differences, and to Belong. By banning books you say to others that you do not belong, that the characters in the books do not belong, that the message does not belong. that sort of message is one that spreads hate and discrimination, which leads us to hostility. we do not want to be those types of people, we want to be free to express ourselves as who we are, and why we are. you would want that freedom just as I do. support educators, schools, and libraries they are trained professionals doing their job, they have earned their degrees, put in the hours and are trained in dialog and help students become their best selves.