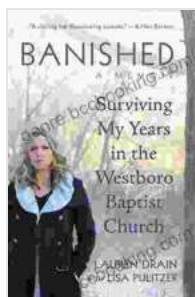


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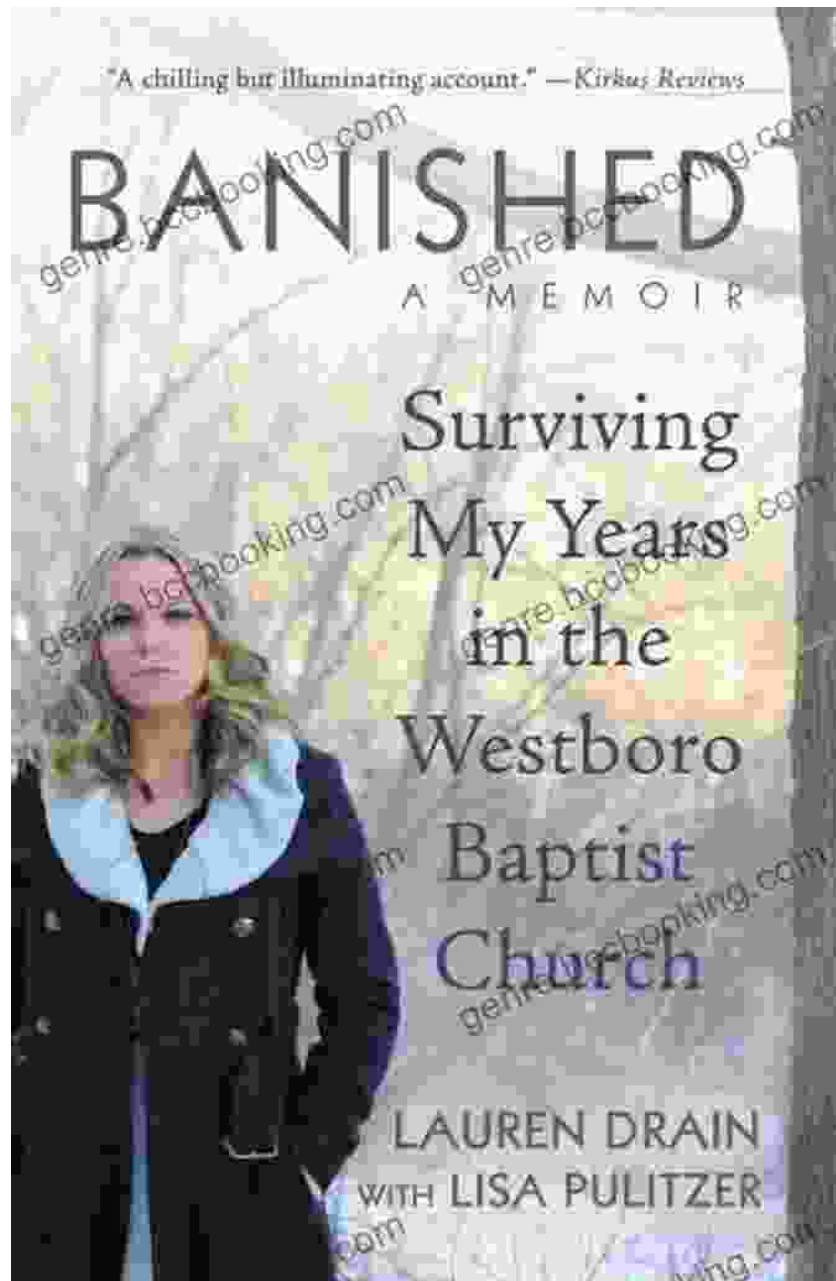


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In *Surviving My Years in the Westboro Baptist Church*, Lauren Drain shares her harrowing and ultimately inspiring story of growing up and living in one of the most notorious hate groups in America. As the daughter of WBC founder Fred Phelps, Drain was raised in an environment of fear, intolerance, and violence. She was taught to hate anyone who was

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After years of abuse and indoctrination, Drain left the WBC in 2005. She was alone, broken, and without a home. She struggled with addiction, depression, and suicidal thoughts. But she also had a deep desire to change and find her own path in life.

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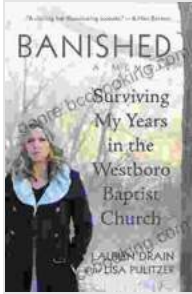
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