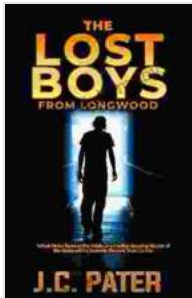


# What Hides Behind the Walls of Facility Housing Wards of the State



**The Lost Boys from Longwood: What Hides Behind the Walls of a Facility Housing Wards of the State with a Juvenile Record. True Stories.** by J. C. Pater

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In an often-unseen corner of the child welfare system, tens of thousands of children reside in stark, institutional settings known as facility housing for wards of the state. Behind these walls, a hidden world exists—a world of trauma, resilience, and longing.

In her groundbreaking book, *What Hides Behind the Walls of Facility Housing Wards of the State*, renowned journalist and advocate Barbara Demarco unravels the complexities of these institutions, shedding light on the experiences of the children who live within them.

Through years of immersive reporting, Demarco has gained unprecedented access to facility housing units across the country. She has spoken with

hundreds of children, staff, and experts, gaining a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that define these settings.

What Hides Behind the Walls is a gripping narrative that exposes the harsh realities of facility housing. Demarco chronicles the stories of children who have suffered unimaginable trauma, from abuse and neglect to abandonment and loss. She reveals the systemic failures that have led to the overreliance on institutionalization, and she exposes the devastating consequences for children.

But this book is not merely an exposé. It is also a testament to the resilience and spirit of the children who reside in facility housing. Demarco highlights their strength, creativity, and determination to overcome their circumstances. She shares their dreams and aspirations, and she advocates for a more compassionate and effective approach to child welfare.

What Hides Behind the Walls is a powerful call to action. It challenges us to confront the hidden realities of facility housing and to demand better for the children who deserve our protection. Demarco provides a roadmap for reform, offering concrete solutions to improve the lives of these vulnerable children.

### **A Must-Read for Anyone Concerned with the Well-Being of Children**

What Hides Behind the Walls is an essential read for anyone concerned with the well-being of children. It is a groundbreaking work of journalism that shines a light on a hidden world and demands action. This book has the power to change the way we think about child welfare and to create a better future for the children who deserve it.

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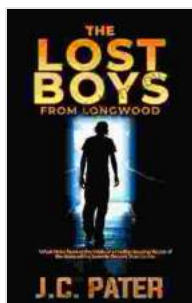
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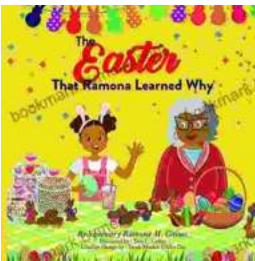
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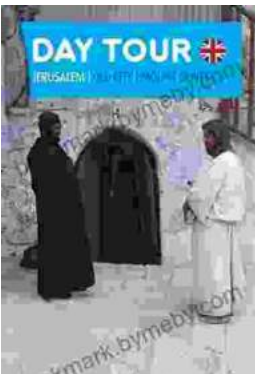
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