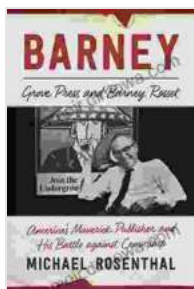


Grove Press and Barney Rosset: America's Maverick Publisher and His Battle Against Censorship

Barney Rosset was a visionary publisher who founded Grove Press in 1951. Grove Press quickly became known for publishing controversial and groundbreaking works of literature, including Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*, William S. Burroughs' *Naked Lunch*, and Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*. Rosset's unwavering commitment to literary freedom made him a target of censors, but he never backed down from a fight.

The Early Years

Barney Rosset was born in Chicago in 1922. He attended the University of Chicago, where he studied literature and philosophy. After graduating, he worked as a book editor for several different publishers. In 1951, he founded Grove Press with the mission of publishing "important books that other publishers won't touch."



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Grove Press and the Beat Generation

Grove Press quickly became a home for the Beat Generation writers, who were challenging the status quo and pushing the boundaries of literary expression. Rosset published works by Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, and William S. Burroughs, which helped to popularize the Beat movement and bring it to a wider audience.

Censorship and the Supreme Court

Rosset's commitment to literary freedom made him a target of censors. In 1957, he was arrested for publishing *Tropic of Cancer*. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, which ruled in Rosset's favor in a landmark decision that expanded the First Amendment protections for freedom of speech.

Grove Press and the Counterculture

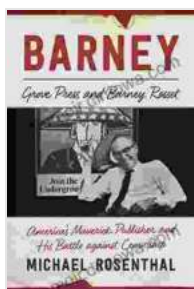
In the 1960s, Grove Press became a major publisher of counterculture literature. Rosset published works by Norman Mailer, Eldridge Cleaver, and Herbert Marcuse, which helped to shape the political and social movements of the time.

The Legacy of Barney Rosset

Barney Rosset died in 2012 at the age of 90. He left behind a legacy as one of the most important publishers in American history. His unwavering commitment to literary freedom helped to expand the boundaries of what

could be published in the United States and made him a champion of the First Amendment.

Grove Press and Barney Rosset played a vital role in the development of American literature and culture. Their commitment to literary freedom helped to create a more open and diverse literary landscape and made it possible for new and challenging voices to be heard.



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