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From School Library Journal YA-- Timed to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, the publication of this title strikes a warning note to book lovers across the nation: censorship flourished in 1990 as it has since the 1650 Boston book burnings. Noble writes that nearly 1000 book bannings arise each year, with recent school library cases increasing nearly 200% in the 1980s. Coverage ranges from the John Peter Zenger case of 1735 to the recent Salman Rushdie case. The fast-paced, readable material is interlaced with first-person interviews from school-board presidents, school principals, and local reporters and attorneys. Lively accounts of struggles among ad hoc parent groups, English departments, and town boards punctuate the prose. Guardians of the First Amendment will especially enjoy the research Noble brings to the history of book censorship in America. The publication dates in the extensive bibliography span the years from 1892-1989. The lists of challenged books and authors are separate from the index but include the page references. --Margaret Nolan, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA Copyright 1991 Cahners Business Information, Inc. About the Author William Noble is the author of 15 books, including Three Rules for

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