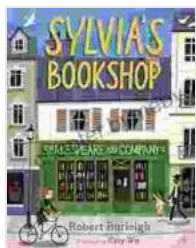


The Story of Paris' Beloved Bookstore and Its Founder, as Told by the Bookstore



Sylvia's Bookshop: The Story of Paris's Beloved Bookstore and Its Founder (As Told by the Bookstore Itself!)

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In the heart of Paris, on the banks of the Seine, there is a bookstore that has been a beloved destination for book lovers for over a century. Shakespeare and Company is more than just a store; it is a literary institution, a place where writers and readers have gathered for generations to share their love of books.

The story of Shakespeare and Company begins in 1919, when Sylvia Beach, an American expat, opened the store on the Rue de l'Odéon. Beach was a passionate bibliophile, and she wanted to create a place where people could come to browse, read, and talk about books. The store quickly became a gathering place for the literary elite of Paris, including Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Gertrude Stein.

In 1922, Shakespeare and Company published James Joyce's *Ulysses*, which had been rejected by other publishers. The publication of *Ulysses*

was a major literary event, and it helped to establish Shakespeare and Company as one of the most important bookstores in the world.

During the German occupation of Paris during World War II, Shakespeare and Company was forced to close. Beach hid many of her books from the Nazis, and she continued to lend books to readers in secret. After the war, the store reopened, and it quickly became a popular destination for American tourists.

In 1964, Beach sold Shakespeare and Company to George Whitman, an American bookseller. Whitman continued to run the store in the same spirit as Beach, and he became a beloved figure in the Paris literary community. Whitman died in 2011, and the store is now run by his daughter, Sylvia Whitman.

Today, Shakespeare and Company is still a thriving bookstore. It is a place where book lovers can come to browse, read, and talk about books. The store also hosts a variety of literary events, including readings, workshops, and exhibitions.

The story of Shakespeare and Company is a story of love, literature, and resilience. It is a story that has inspired book lovers all over the world. If you are ever in Paris, be sure to visit Shakespeare and Company. It is a truly special place.

Here are some of the things that make Shakespeare and Company so special:

- Its unique atmosphere. Shakespeare and Company is a place where you can feel the history of literature all around you. The store is filled

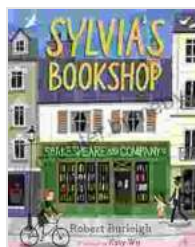
with books, and the walls are lined with portraits of famous writers.

- Its friendly staff. The staff at Shakespeare and Company are passionate about books, and they are always happy to help you find the perfect book for you.
- Its literary events. Shakespeare and Company hosts a variety of literary events, including readings, workshops, and exhibitions. These events are a great way to meet other book lovers and learn more about literature.
- Its lending library. Shakespeare and Company has a lending library where you can borrow books for free. This is a great way to discover new authors and genres.

If you are a book lover, then you need to visit Shakespeare and Company. It is a truly special place that will inspire you and make you fall in love with books all over again.

The Story of Paris' Beloved Bookstore and Its Founder, as Told by the Bookstore is a book by Sylvia Whitman that tells the story of Shakespeare and Company. The book is a beautifully written and inspiring tale that is a must-read for book lovers of all ages.

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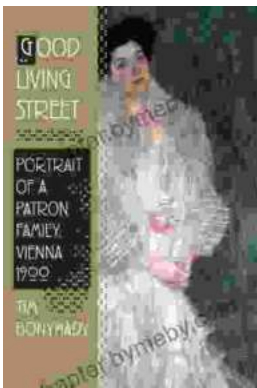
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