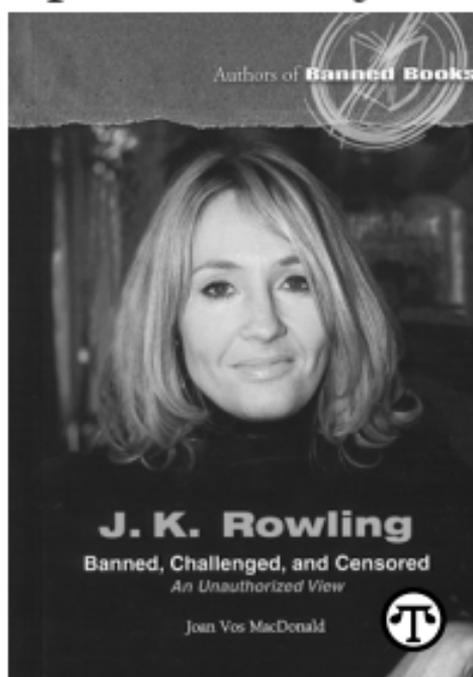


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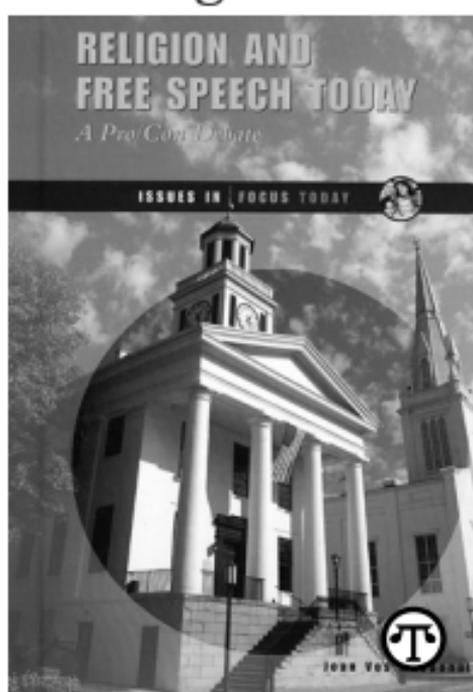
(NAPSA)—Most children don't spend much time thinking about the Constitution, the rights it guarantees and how its principles govern many aspects of their daily lives.

Fortunately, two books for middle-school-age children help present these principles in action, in a way children can really relate to. "J.K. Rowling: Banned, Challenged, and Censored" and "Religion and Free Speech Today: A Pro/Con Debate"



(Enslow Publishers) by Joan Vos MacDonald explore two fundamental constitutional rights: freedom of speech and freedom of religion, as well as the often clashing

interpretations of such First Amendment rights.



By covering attempts to ban, censor and challenge popular children's author J.K. Rowling, the first book focuses on freedom of speech.

The second book covers the often controversial intersection of religion and public life, focusing on such issues as school prayer, holiday celebrations and displaying public symbols of faith.

By using examples that children can relate to, both books provide a starting point for informed debate and suggestions to help differing views reach a consensus.

Joan Vos MacDonald is the author of several books for young adults, as well as "High Fit Home," a book on fitness and architecture for HarperCollins.