

Banning Books by Lena Paslov

The Board of Ed.
Makes the rules,
That governs all
The city's schools.

Just one complaint
Turns all the heads
And hate throughout
The city spreads.

One line read wrong,
No context had.
The Board proclaims
That they're all bad.

A page to read?
A page to tear.
The book is killed—
Without a care.

Libraries try
To stop the rage,
But politics
Take the main stage.

Removed from shelves
Content that saves.
Repercussions
Come in waves.

The kids speak up.
The teachers yell.
They know books can't
Send you to Hell.

Ideas formed
From context clues
Can't scar your skin
Or leave a bruise.

But stories read
In books or plays.
Can save a life
In many ways.