

Columbine: The Tragedy That Changed America

On April 20, 1999, two students at Columbine High School in Colorado went on a shooting rampage that left 13 people dead and 24 others injured. The shooting was one of the deadliest school shootings in American history and had a profound impact on the nation.



Columbine by Dave Cullen

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In the years since the shooting, there have been many books and articles written about Columbine. One of the most comprehensive and well-researched accounts of the shooting is Dave Cullen's book, "Columbine." Cullen spent years interviewing survivors, witnesses, and family members of the victims. He also gained access to police reports, school records, and other documents.

In his book, Cullen argues that the shooting was not simply a random act of violence. He traces the roots of the shooting to a number of factors,

including the alienation and bullying that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold experienced at Columbine High School. Cullen also examines the role that guns played in the shooting and the ways in which the media sensationalized the event.

Cullen's book is an important contribution to our understanding of the Columbine shooting. It is a well-written and meticulously researched account of one of the most tragic events in American history.

The Events Leading Up to the Shooting

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were both students at Columbine High School. Harris was a senior and Klebold was a junior. Both boys were loners and outcasts. They were often bullied and teased by other students. Harris and Klebold began planning the shooting in the fall of 1998. They purchased guns and ammunition and made plans to bomb the school.

On April 20, 1999, Harris and Klebold arrived at Columbine High School at 11:10 am. They parked their car in the student lot and entered the school through the west entrance. They went to the cafeteria and set off two bombs. The bombs failed to explode, but they caused a panic among the students.

Harris and Klebold then went to the library, where they opened fire on the students. They killed 12 students and one teacher in the library. They then went to the science wing of the school, where they killed one more student.

At 12:08 pm, Harris and Klebold committed suicide in the library.

The Shooting

The shooting at Columbine High School lasted for 47 minutes. During that time, Harris and Klebold fired over 100 rounds of ammunition. They killed 13 people and injured 24 others.

The shooting was the deadliest school shooting in American history until the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

The Aftermath of the Shooting

The Columbine shooting had a profound impact on the nation. It led to a national debate about school safety and gun control. It also led to an increase in mental health services for students.

In the years since the shooting, Columbine High School has been rebuilt and reopened. The school has implemented a number of security measures to prevent another shooting from happening.

The Columbine shooting is a reminder of the importance of school safety and gun control. It is also a reminder of the importance of mental health services for students.

Dave Cullen

Dave Cullen is an American author and journalist. He is best known for his book, "Columbine," which is a comprehensive and well-researched account of the Columbine High School shooting.

Cullen was born in 1965 in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Cullen began his career as a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News. He later worked as a freelance writer and editor for a number of publications, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Time magazine.

In 2009, Cullen published his book, "Columbine." The book was a critical and commercial success. It was praised for its thorough research and its balanced and objective approach to the subject matter.

Cullen has continued to write about the Columbine shooting. In 2015, he published a



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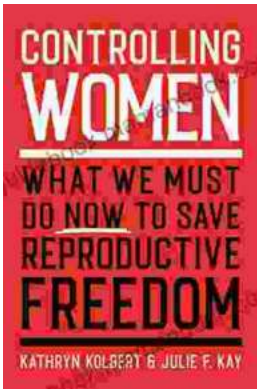
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