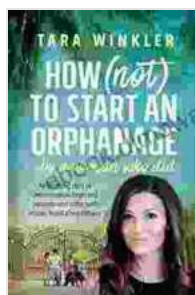


# How Not to Start an Orphanage: A Guide to Doing Good Without Doing Harm

By Daniel P. Alford



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In his new book, *How Not to Start an Orphanage*, best-selling author Daniel P. Alford shares his insights and experiences from working with orphanages around the world. He argues that well-intentioned people often do more harm than good when they start orphanages, and he offers practical advice on how to avoid the pitfalls.

Alford begins by dispelling the myth that orphanages are necessary. He points out that the vast majority of children who live in orphanages have at least one living parent, and that most of these children would be better off living with their families or in other community-based care settings.

Alford also argues that orphanages can be harmful to children. He cites research showing that children who live in orphanages are more likely to experience abuse, neglect, and developmental delays. They are also more likely to be trafficked or exploited.

So, what should you do if you want to help children in need? Alford recommends focusing on supporting families and communities. This can include providing financial assistance, healthcare, education, and other essential services. You can also volunteer your time to work with children in your community.

If you are considering starting an orphanage, Alford urges you to reconsider. He says that there are better ways to help children in need, and that starting an orphanage is likely to do more harm than good.

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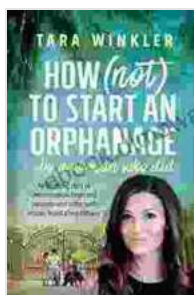
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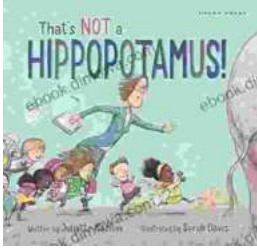
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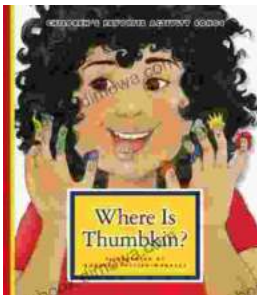
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