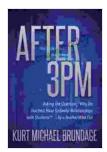
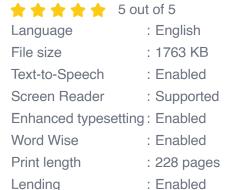
# Why Do Teachers Have Unlawful Relationships With Students? Insights from a Teacher Who Did



After 3PM: Asking the Question: "Why Do Teachers Have Unlawful Relationships with Students?" . . . by a

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Teacher-student relationships are a complex and delicate matter. Teachers are in a position of trust and authority, and they have a responsibility to act in the best interests of their students. However, there are times when teachers cross the line and engage in unlawful relationships with their students.

There are many reasons why teachers might have unlawful relationships with students. Some teachers may be attracted to their students, while others may be seeking power or control. Still others may simply be unaware of the ethical boundaries that they should not cross.

Whatever the reason, unlawful relationships between teachers and students are always wrong. They are a violation of trust, and they can have devastating consequences for the students involved.

I am a teacher who had an unlawful relationship with a student. I know the damage that this type of relationship can do, and I want to share my story in the hopes of preventing others from making the same mistake.

I met my student, who I will call Sarah, when she was in my 10th grade English class. She was a bright and beautiful girl, and I was immediately drawn to her. I started spending more and more time with her outside of class, and we eventually began a sexual relationship.

I knew that what I was ng was wrong, but I couldn't stop myself. I was addicted to the power that I felt over Sarah. I loved the way she looked at me, and I loved the way she made me feel.

Our relationship lasted for several months, and during that time I groomed Sarah to keep our relationship a secret. I told her that no one would understand our love, and that if anyone found out, I would lose my job and go to jail.

Sarah was scared and confused, but she eventually agreed to keep our relationship a secret. I continued to manipulate and control her, and I eventually convinced her to do things that she didn't want to do.

Our relationship eventually came to an end, and Sarah reported me to the school. I was fired from my job and arrested. I am now serving a prison sentence for my crimes.

I am ashamed of what I did. I betrayed the trust of my student, and I caused her great harm. I will never be able to forgive myself for what I did.

I share my story in the hopes of preventing others from making the same mistake that I did. If you are a teacher, please remember that you are in a position of trust. Do not abuse that trust. If you are attracted to a student, please seek help. Do not cross the line.

If you are a student, please remember that you have the right to be safe and respected. If a teacher is making you feel uncomfortable, please tell someone you trust. Do not be afraid to speak up.

Teacher-student relationships are a serious matter. If you are involved in an unlawful relationship, please get help. There are people who can help you.

#### **Resources for Teachers**

\* Educators' Guide to Preventing Inappropriate Relationships With Students \* Ethics in School Counseling: Teachers and Students \* NCSACW Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

#### **Resources for Students**

\* Sexual Abuse and Students \* Childhelp USA \* The National Domestic Violence Hotline



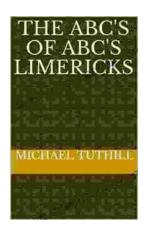
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