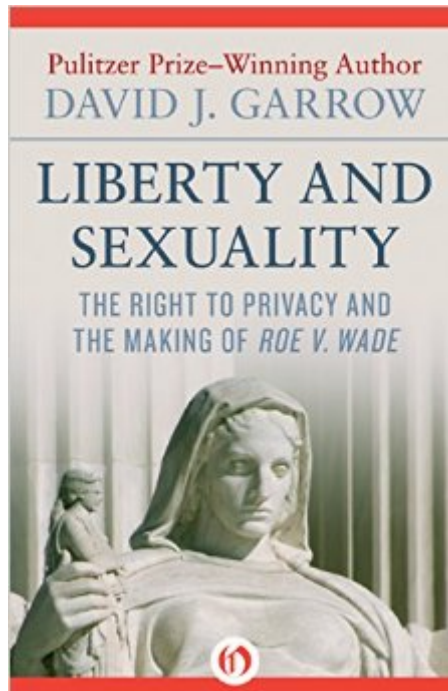


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Liberty And Sexuality: The Right To Privacy And The Making Of Roe V. Wade



Synopsis

Pulitzer Prize-winning author David J. Garrow's stirring and essential history of the politics of abortion and America's battle for the right to choose. In 1973, the Supreme Court handed down its landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion, and more than forty years later the issue continues to spark controversy and divisiveness. But behind this historic legal case lie the battles women fought to establish their rights to use contraceptives and choose to have an abortion. *Liberty and Sexuality* traces these political and legal struggles in the decades leading up to *Roe v. Wade*—including the momentous 1965 Supreme Court ruling in *Griswold v. Connecticut* that established a constitutional right to privacy. Garrow personalizes the struggles by detailing the vital contributions made by dozens of crusaders who tirelessly paved the way. This expansive and substantial work also addresses the threats to sexual privacy and the legality of abortion that have risen since *Roe v. Wade*. With abortion still a contentious subject on the national political landscape, *Liberty and Sexuality* is not just a historical account of the right to choose, but an indispensable read about preserving a freedom that continues to divide America.

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Disclaimer: Read as an ARC via Netgalley. But note, I did purchase when it was released.3.5Okay, to say that this book is dry would be fair. At the most basic, it is a legal history of birth control and abortion from the later days of Sanger to the 1990s. Undoubtedly, a legal student or scholar would get more out of it than a general reader. But Garrow does a very good job at making what is dry in subject matter, very readable. So the dry feeling is not from Garrow's writing. Yet, this is a book that you must read if you are woman â “ regardless of how you feel about abortion. And you should read it if you are a man. Hell, you should read it if you live in the United States. I use to tell people that to talk about abortion they needed to read Roe vs. Wade in some form â “ an edited version of the dissent and decision at the very least. Now, I am going to say Roe vs. Wade and Garrowâ™s work. I understand more about the debate and history than I did before. Garrow does humanize some of the players (and not just the ones you would think); he also illustrates the history that gets lost in the argument. Everyone knows about the coat hangers and such because of buttons, but there are facts in here that are even more shocking and disturbing the development of the law. Itâ™s true, most of the focus is on the East Coast but considering the history, this isnâ™t all that surprising. And it is a legal history, not a general one. And I really don't know what else to say about this book. Isn't that enough? Okay, one more thing: I want to thank Open Road Media. Long ago, they became one of the â œreliableâ • publishers for me.

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