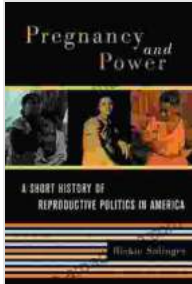


# A Short History of Reproductive Politics in America: The Fight for Control over Women's Bodies



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This book tells the story of the fight for control over women's bodies in America, from the early days of the Republic to the present day. It is a story of power, oppression, and resistance, and it is a story that is still being written.

The book begins with the early days of the Republic, when women had few rights and were considered the property of their husbands. This lack of autonomy extended to their reproductive lives, and women had no say in whether or not they wanted to have children.

In the 19th century, the women's rights movement began to challenge this status quo. Women fought for the right to vote, to own property, and to

control their own bodies. This fight was met with fierce resistance from men, who feared that giving women more power would threaten their own.

Despite this resistance, the women's rights movement made significant progress in the 20th century. In 1921, women won the right to vote. In 1965, the Supreme Court ruled that women had the right to use contraception. And in 1973, the Court ruled that women had the right to abortion.

These victories were hard-fought, and they did not come without backlash. Anti-abortion activists have worked tirelessly to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and they have succeeded in passing laws that restrict women's access to abortion in many states.

The fight for reproductive rights is ongoing. Anti-abortion activists continue to push for laws that would make abortion illegal, and they are increasingly targeting other forms of reproductive healthcare, such as contraception and sterilization.

This book is a reminder that the fight for reproductive rights is not over. It is a fight that has been going on for centuries, and it is a fight that will continue until women have full control over their own bodies.

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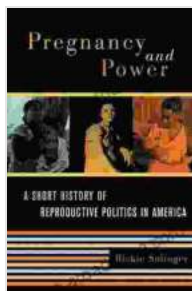
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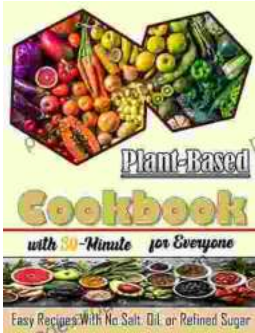
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