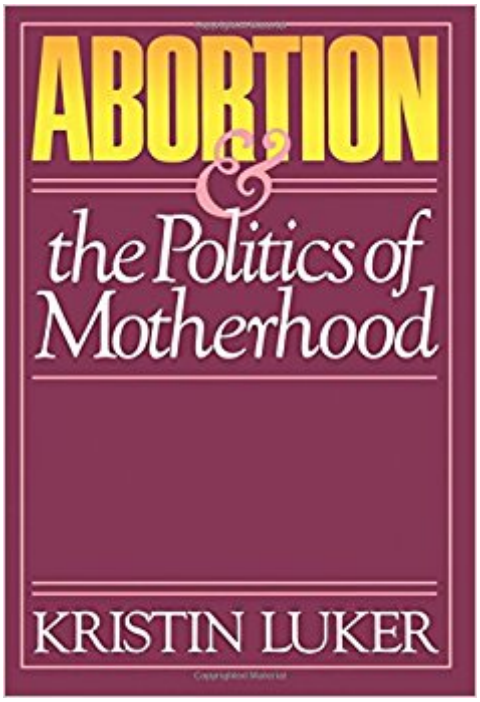
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Kristin Luker is Professor of Law and Sociology at the University of California Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). She is also the author of Dubious Conceptions: The Politics of Teenage Pregnancy (1996) and, with Jean Fox O'Barr, Feminism in Action: Building Institutions and Community through Women's Studies (1994).

Had to buy for a class, but it was a very inerestung read. Gives insight that I didn't have before. Recommend.

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Really great book on the history of abortion, focusing on California, up until the decade following Roe. Found Luker's predictions for the future have mostly turned out. Meticulously researched - great text for academics and laypersons alike.

Excelent book...changed completely my view on the abortion politics and controversies.

Speedy and as expected.

After reading some of The Brethren by Bob Woodword, I was interested in reading the actual legal opinions of the Supreme Court in 1973 RE Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton. I these on the Internet and read the majority and dissenting opinions. I wanted to understand their reasoning a little better. I don't have a legal background but have studied some philosophy and psychology.As I recall, this book was more about what was happening in society that the author thought or discovered as contributing to Roe v. Wade. Although I have not finished it, I am pleasantly surprised. She is a good writer, doesn't get too technical in legal language, her research and conclusions really do help make sense of how things - and help me understand what was going on in society, in certain professions, etc. She does not seem to favor one side or the other but has written a book to help people understand either side, as far as I can tell. That's why I like it so far.

it is good. the book came in pretty cheap so i did not expect any good out of it. but the book is in pretty good condition overall tho. :)

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