Crow After Roe: How "Separate But Equal" Has Become The New Standard In Women’s Health And How We Can Change That
2013 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Supreme Court’s abortion decision in Roe v. Wade, one of the most divisive rulings ever to shape American politics. In recent years, attempts to overturn Roe v. Wade have reached a fevered pitch. Since 2010, hundreds of bills banning or putting up roadblocks to abortion access, contraception, and basic women’s health have been proposed across the United States, with nearly one hundred new laws going into effect. The goal is to create a law that will eventually be brought before the Supreme Court in order to overturn Roe v. Wade.

After Roe: How "Separate But Equal" Has Become the New Standard In Women’s Health And How We Can Change That examines eleven states--Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Texas, South Dakota and Washington DC--that since 2010 have each passed a different anti-abortion or anti-women’s health law explicitly written to provoke a repeal of Roe v. Wade. The chilling effect of these laws has been to establish a reproductive health care system in these states that makes abortion legal in name only, and which places women--especially poor, rural, or those of color--into a separate health care class, with few choices or control. Featuring a foreword by Gloria Feldt.

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Robin Marty and Jessica Mason Pieklo do a great job of detailing the efforts to turn back Roe versus Wade bit by bit, state by state. As a matter of principle, I must disclose that Robin Marty is a friend. I was aware of the effort she put into this book with her co-author and I am well pleased with the
result. Each chapter covers one issue and one state, giving you insight into the personalities and political realities of that state. Starting in Nebraska with the efforts to pass a 'fetal pain' bill in 2010. This chapter shows how subtle changes in Supreme Court opinions coupled with the specific aims and personalities of the anti-abortion movement came together to try to craft legislation that could challenge Roe. This legislation was also directed at a particular provider in Nebraska that was the only provider of late term abortions after the murder of Dr. George Tiller. Each chapter tells the story of a particular kind of legislation in a particular state. We get to understand how the opponents of abortion in each of these states are seeking their own method to achieve the holy grail of overturning Roe versus Wade. The story proceeds in chronological order with chapter two covering Ohio's heartbeat ban bills, and three Wisconsin's effort to ban medication abortions and so forth. Although the chapters are brief (10 to 20 pages), they are enough to explain how we have gotten to a position where many states have making abortion inaccessible the number one priority of their legislatures. The book does a great job of making complex issues understandable yet it gives a greater depth than one would get from the day to day reporting even for someone who follows these issues.

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