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BOOKS FOR UNDERSTANDING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

*Scholars Examine the Politics, Ethics, Law,
and Medicine of Contraception and Abortion*

November 23, 2005 (New York)—What does Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito think about *Roe v. Wade*? Why is the FDA delaying approval for over-the-counter sales of emergency contraception? Is the right to privacy rooted in the U.S. Constitution or in the Enlightenment ideals that helped to form that document?

Today, the issue of reproductive rights remains as important in public debate and private lives as it did when *Roe* was decided in 1973, when *Griswold v. Connecticut* was decided in 1965, or when Margaret Sanger was arrested for distributing birth control information in 1916. Books from scholarly presses offer thoughtful presentations of many sides of this debate in the newest Books for Understanding bibliography from the Association of American University Presses.

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Topics covered by the new book list include:

The History of Contraception and Abortion—including *Sexual Chemistry: A History of the Contraceptive Pill*, by Lara V. Marks (Yale University Press, 2001) and reprinted works of Margaret Sanger.

Public Policy and Case Law—including *What Roe v. Wade Should Have Said: The Nation's Top Legal Experts Rewrite America's Most Controversial Decision*, edited by Jack M. Balkin (NYU Press, 2005) and *Griswold v. Connecticut: Birth Control and the Constitutional Right of Privacy*, by John W. Johnson (University Press of Kansas, 2005).

Politics and Rhetoric in the Debate—such as *The Politics of Women's Rights: Parties, Positions, and Change*, by Christina Wolbrecht (Princeton University Press, 2000); as well as many works on the ethical and religious dimensions of the abortion debate.

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