



[Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights](#) by Karen Blumenthal

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*Age Range: 12-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A riveting look at the tumultuous history of abortion rights in the United States leading up to the landmark case of *Roe v. Wade*, by award-winning author and journalist Karen Blumenthal.

Tracing the path to the 19th century to the pivotal decision in *Roe v. Wade* and the continuing battle for women's rights, Blumenthal examines, in a straightforward tone, the root causes of the current debate around abortion and its repercussions that have rippled through generations of American women.

This urgent book is the perfect tool to facilitate discussion and awareness of a topic that affects each and every person in the United States.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"*Jane Against the World* reads, at times, like a legal thriller. I kept reminding myself, "Wait, I know how this ends."...Blumenthal has done her job well: presenting the history, and leaving readers to wrestle with what the future may hold for families facing unwanted pregnancies."—[The New York Times](#)

★ "An account of the tumultuous struggle for abortion rights in the United States...Gripping reading; necessary for every library serving teens."—[Kirkus Reviews](#), starred review

★ "This essential guide, which gives voices to vulnerable populations, demands to be heard."—[Booklist](#), starred review

" An excellent purchase for public and high school nonfiction collections."—[School Library Journal](#)

" Blumenthal's impeccable research is revealed in the extensive back matter (including documentation, a subject bibliography, a timeline, and a glossary) that completes this compelling book."—[The Horn Book](#)

"Written in clear, accessible language, as lively as it is thorough, the book presents the issue as far more nuanced and complex than the often sharply divided "pro-choice" and "pro-life" stances it is often boiled down to."—[Publishers Weekly](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- *Kirkus Reviews* Best Books of the Year
- NYPL Best Books of the Year
- *A Rise: A Feminist Book Project for Ages 0-18* 2022 Book List Selection
- A Mighty Girl Best Book of 2020
- *Booklist* Editor's Choice
- CCBC Choices List 2021

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Rewire News Group Author Interview](#)
- [Dallas Morning News Author Column](#)
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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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