



[Love and Haight](#) by Susan Carlton

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*Age Range: 14-17 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 10 and up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

It's 1971, and seventeen-year-old Chloe and her best friend MJ head to San Francisco to ring in the New Year. But Chloe has an ulterior motive—and a secret. She's pregnant and has devised a plan not to be. In San Francisco's flower-power heyday, it was (just about) legal to end her pregnancy.

But as soon as the girls cross the Golden Gate, the scheme starts to unravel amid the bellbottoms, love-beads, and bongos. Chloe's secrets escalate until she betrays everyone she cares about. MJ, who has grave doubts about Chloe's plan. Her groovy aunt Kiki, who's offered the girls a place to crash. Her self-absorbed mother meditating back in Phoenix. And maybe, especially, the boy she wishes she'd waited for.

In Susan Carlton's *Love and Haight*, Chloe discovers that easy love is anything but easy.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Carlton offers readers detailed insight into the process of getting an abortion pre Roe v. Wade." —[School Library Journal](#)

"...honest in presenting Chloe's medical care, the culture of the time, and conflicting views on this controversial topic."—VOYA

"A well-framed historical, with a wholly realized setting and believable, rich, likable characters." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Carlton transports readers to a decade when abortion was becoming a more open, if still only occasionally legal, possibility . . . This is an important book."—[Booklist](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
- Tri-State Reviews Committee Books of Note - Master List
- [American Library Association Best Fiction for Young Adults \(2013\)](#)
- Named a Best Book for Young Adults, YALSA
- Nominated: Amelia Bloomer Project, Recommended Feminist Literature for Kids and Teens

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Author website](#)
- [Historical Novel Society review](#)

***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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