

A History of Miscarriage in America: Uncovering the Hidden Stories of Women's Loss



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For centuries, the experience of miscarriage has been shrouded in silence, shame, and secrecy. Women who have lost a pregnancy have often been left to grieve alone, without the support or understanding they need.

In this groundbreaking book, historian and author Jennifer Block dismantles the myths and misconceptions surrounding miscarriage, revealing the hidden history of this common and devastating experience.

Drawing on a wide range of sources, including medical records, diaries, letters, and oral histories, Block traces the changing cultural and medical attitudes toward miscarriage from the colonial era to the present day.

She shows how, in the early days of American history, miscarriage was often seen as a punishment for sin or a sign of divine displeasure. Women who miscarried were often blamed for their own loss and subjected to harsh treatment by both the medical profession and society at large.

As the medical understanding of miscarriage improved in the 19th century, attitudes toward the experience began to shift. However, even as doctors gained a better understanding of the physical causes of miscarriage, they often struggled to provide emotional support to women who had lost a pregnancy.

In the 20th century, the rise of the women's health movement led to a new focus on the emotional and psychological impact of miscarriage. Women began to speak out about their experiences, and support groups and resources for women who had lost a pregnancy became more widely available.

Today, miscarriage is still a common experience, but it is no longer the taboo subject it once was. Women who have miscarried are more likely to receive support and understanding from their doctors, family, and friends.

However, there is still much work to be done to destigmatize miscarriage and ensure that women who have lost a pregnancy have access to the support they need.

A History of Miscarriage in America is a powerful and important book that sheds light on the hidden stories of women's loss. It is a must-read for anyone who has ever experienced miscarriage, anyone who loves someone who has, and anyone who wants to learn more about this common and devastating experience.



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