

# ABORTION *matters*

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*50 years on, why is abortion still such an issue?*

*What is at the heart of the debate?*

*And why is staying neutral not an option?*

## *Abortion Matters. Get the facts.*

Abortion is back in the news. Five decades after the Abortion Act was passed in 1967, there are now moves to decriminalise abortion entirely, ban vigils outside abortion clinics and eviscerate rights of conscientious objection. Attempts to 'normalise' abortion have done little to make the fractious debate over the issue go away. *Abortion Matters* explains just why abortion is the issue it is and why we can't just 'agree to disagree'. It lays out carefully and accessibly what abortion involves, the history of its legalisation and the arguments made both in favour and against. If you think abortion matters, you will need to read this powerful book and become equipped for the debates ahead.

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ANN FARMER  
AUTHOR OF BY THEIR FRUITS: EUGENICS, POPULATION CONTROL, AND THE ABORTION CAMPAIGN

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JAMES SHERLEY  
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