

Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-opening Journey Across the Life Line

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"As I took the ultrasound probe in hand, I could not have imagined how the next ten minutes would shake the foundation of my values and change the course of my life."

Abby Johnson joined Planned Parenthood as a college student because she wanted to help women in crisis—a goal she believed the organization shared. As she rose through the ranks to become a clinic director, however, things started to shift. Finances grew tighter, clinic practices changed, and Abby became increasingly unsettled about what she was being asked to do. But it wasn't until she helped perform an actual abortion procedure that Abby fully realized what she'd been a part of all those years.

In the pages of *Unplanned*, you'll also discover:

- >> What Abby found so attractive about the mission and goals of Planned Parenthood
 - >> The personal secret that Abby had kept buried for years
 - >> The things she'd believed and told patients that she discovered not to be true
 - >> An insider's perspective on Planned Parenthood's practices as well as the heartfelt but misguided efforts of some radical antiabortion activists
 - >> The courage and resilience she's seen on both sides of the fence—from staff members to clients in crisis to prayerful volunteers
- A compelling story of crisis and change, *Unplanned* is also a reminder of how grace finds us in unlikely places, and how we can all reach out with love to those who stand on opposing sides.

Abby Johnson holds a B.S. in psychology from Texas A&M University and an M.A. in counseling from Sam Houston State University. She was hired by Planned Parenthood in 2005 and progressed to the position of community services director and health educator, where she served as liaison between the community and Planned Parenthood as media correspondent. Later promoted to health center director, Johnson ran both the family planning and abortion programs. In 2009 she left Planned Parenthood and joined the local Coalition for Life as a volunteer. She continues her volunteer activities and now works on projects with the national 40 Days for Life campaign. She and her husband, Doug, have a young daughter and live in Texas.

Cindy Lambert, vice president and associate publisher at Zondervan, is a veteran of the bookselling industry. For nearly two decades she owned an award-winning bookstore before expanding into leadership roles in distribution, editorial, and publishing in such companies as Ingram, Simon & Schuster, and Zondervan. As a speaker Cindy has addressed audiences in publishing and bookselling conferences as well as churches and retreats. She and her husband, Dave, have six children and seven grandchildren, and live in Michigan. "What I have told people for years, what I've believed and taught and defended, is a lie. What if I'd known the truth, and what if I'd told all those women?"

Abby Johnson quit her job in October 2009. That simple act became a national news story because Abby was director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas who, not long after assisting in an actual abortion procedure for the first time, crossed the line to join the Coalition for Life. What happened in that clinic to cause this Planned Parenthood leader and Employee of the Year to take such drastic action? And how did Planned Parenthood react to her abrupt departure?

Join Abby as she reveals her full story for the first time in *Unplanned*: a heart-stopping personal drama of life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation. Abby's unique vantage point from both sides of the abortion clinic

property line shines light and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue. For anyone who cares about the life-versus-rights debate and helping women who face crisis pregnancies, Unplanned is a must-read.

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