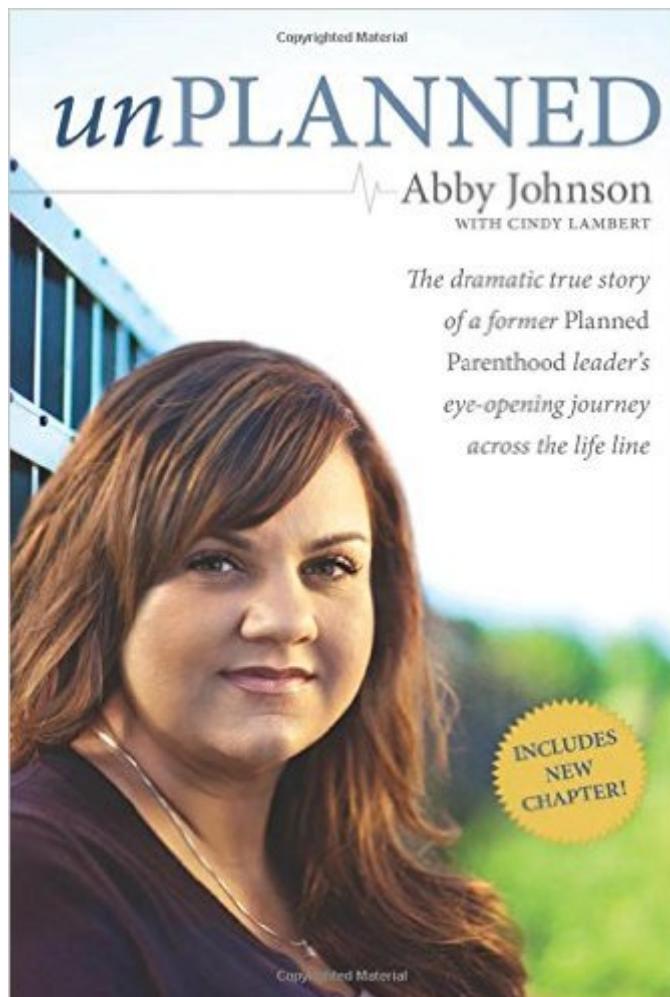


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# Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story Of A Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey Across The Life Line



## Synopsis

Retailers Choice Award winner, 2012 Abby Johnson quit her job in October 2009. That simple act became a national news story because Abby was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas who, after participating in an actual abortion procedure for the first time, walked down the street to join the Coalition for Life. Unplanned is a heart-stopping personal drama of life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation that speaks hope and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue. Telling Abby's story from both sides of the abortion clinic property line, this book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the life versus rights debate and helping women who face crisis pregnancies. Now updated with a new chapter covering the latest events in Abby's journey, in the news, and in changing legislation . . . and revealing the impact Abby's story has had in the most surprising places.

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I've rarely been so riveted or so moved by a book. All I can say is everyone who cares about life should read this book. Everyone who considers themselves pro-choice should read this book. Everyone who thinks they understand what Planned Parenthood's agenda is should read this book. Everyone who has been hurt by past abortions or is considering abortion should read this book. Abby Johnson is a modern-day hero. For that reason alone--to read the story of a person willing to walk away from an eight-year career, because it's "the right thing to do," now knowing where her heart and God were leading her, makes the book worth the read. You'll learn why those other

modern-day heroes, the pro-life prayer volunteers and sidewalk counselors, particularly those involved in the organizations the author cites as a major key to her conversion--The Coalition for Life and 40 Days for Life--deserve special recognition. Through constant peaceful vigil, prayer, and love outside her Planned Parenthood facility (and hundreds of others) over eight years from 2001 to 2009, she came to learn the truth. Having been involved in 40 Days for Life campaigns in our community, first as a prayer volunteer, and now as a local campaign director, I've seen firsthand the power of those 40 day campaigns Abby writes about in her book. Abby writes about how she witnessed babies saved from abortions through these campaigns (though while she was working for Planned Parenthood, she viewed the sidewalk counselors "on the other side of the fence" as the enemy--for the most part). How amazing it was to read about the long journey Abby took and her perspective on the pro-lifers on the other side of the fence.

In 2009 it made the national news that Abby Johnson the director of a Planned Parenthood in Texas had resigned and went to the Coalition for Life for help. Now it was easy to celebrate this a a victory on the pro-life front and a mark in our column. It is easy to forget the person behind the story sometimes and the new book *Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line* by Abby Johnson tells here story in full. I am a sucker for a conversion story and so bought and downloaded this book just after it came out. I also sat down and read the book in basically one sitting. When you first hear the story you wonder how can a director of a Planned Parenthood clinic have her world turnaround after assisting during an ultrasound guided abortion. Surely she would know what was going on in her clinic? How did a young woman from a small town and pro-life family come to work for Planned Parenthood in the first place? The book starts with her heart-wrenching description of the ultrasound guided abortion she was called in to assist with. Through her years at Planned Parenthood at first as a volunteer, then counselor, and later directory and even Employee of the Year for Planned Parenthood she did not assist with abortions normally. Her shock at what she saw on the ultrasound and the babies obvious attempt to escape the suction device destroyed the lies she had been taught and had passed on to so many others. She was a person who believed that abortion was no great thing and should be rare, but that it was still needed for difficult situations. She truly thought that Planned Parenthood did much good with their exams and birth control. That she was even doing God's work.

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