THE BIRTH OF THE PILL

The birth-control pill may be the most important invention of the twentieth century, but the story of how it came to be is little known and poorly understood. The rebels who created the pill included a Jewish biologist, a Catholic OB-GYN, an aging radical feminist, and a wealthy widow. Jonathan Eig will discuss the pill’s origins as well as why the fight for reproductive rights has always been (and remains) important to the fight for gender equality.

Jonathan Eig is the New York Times best-selling author of four books: Luckiest Man, Opening Day, Get Capone, and, most recently, The Birth of the Pill. He is currently working on a biography of Muhammad Ali.

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