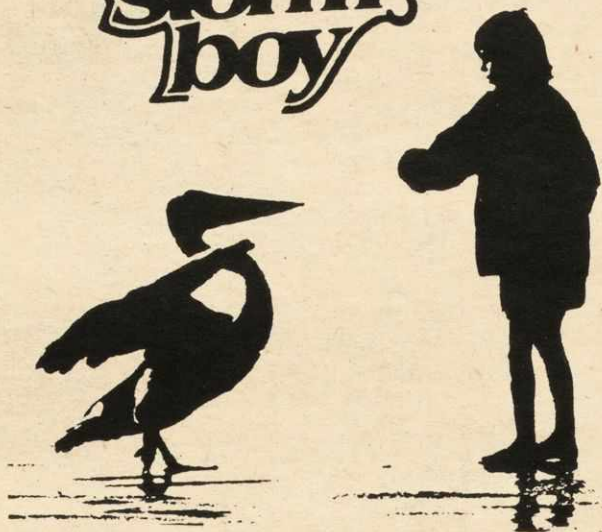


quadrivium

Christian feminist on abortion

Storm Boy



Quadrivium - Quiz 8404

All of the answers to the following questions can be found in the Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir A.C. Doyle (quiz subject requested by Mark A.).

1. Where did Colonel Spence Munro move?
2. What was Henry Wood's monogoose called?
3. Where did Henry Baskerville buy his boots (one was later stolen)?
4. Who was the fourth smartest man in London (according to Holmes)?
5. Where did Watson attend medical school?
6. What fictitious detective did Holmes think "a very inferior fellow"?
7. What was the name of Mycroft's club?
8. What was Holmes' alias when he was an espionage agent?
9. Who was "the" woman to

Holmes?

10. What case did not take place in Britain?

Answers to Quiz 8403

1. Mothers of Invention
2. Jimi Hendrix
3. Fleetwood Mac
4. Doors
5. David Bowie
6. Kinks
7. Rolling Stones
8. Marvin Gaye
9. Stevie Wonder
10. Elvis Presley

Last week's winner, with a perfect score, was Colin Mann. He and a guest will receive a double pass to see **Storm Boy** showing at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, thanks to Dalhousie Cultural Activities.

Remember, we've had winners with only 3 correct answers when the quiz is tough, so don't forget to drop off your entry before noon the Wednesday following publication of the quiz.

Our Right to Choose: Toward a New Ethic of Abortion
by Beverly Wildung-Harrison
Beacon Press 1983, 334 pages
Review by Samantha Brennan

"When the day comes that the decision to bear a child, for all women, is deliberated, thoughtful decision to act for the enhancement of our own and our society's well being with full responsibility for all the implications of that action—then and only then, the human liberation of women will be a reality."

In *Our Right to Choose*, Beverly Wildung-Harrison adds her voice to the growing debate surrounding the question of abortion.

Her voice adds a unique, and for the most part unheard, note to the chorus.

Harrison is a Christian, a moral philosopher, a feminist and pro-choice and she sees no contradiction in her convictions.

Harrison disagrees with the common assumption that Christian right-to-lifers have the monopoly on moral arguments. The primary goal of her book is to confront that assumption by establishing a Christian and moral argument for procreative choice.

A recurring theme in Harrison's book is her criticism of the fundamentalist beliefs gaining popularity with the American "right".

Harrison feels it is hypocritical to condemn abortion and at the same time support military spending and capital punishment.

Rather than spending our energies fighting abortion, Harrison feels we should look more closely at the real barriers to human procreation such as racism, sexism, oppression and poverty.

For these reasons Harrison supports the recent trend of "liberation theology" in Latin America, Africa and in the U.S. by the blacks and feminists.

Harrison insists that abortion must never be separated from the other moral issues of procreative choice. Such as the over-use of sterilization and hysterectomies and the broader issue of women's health care and social well-being.

To ignore the life circumstances of the women involved and to discuss abortion in an isolated academic background is inherently anti-female, contends Harrison.

Traditionally, religions have viewed the women as the passive receiver of life. Harrison's convictions cause her to argue that women should have more control over their own lives. Abortion, contends Harrison, gives women the ability to shape their own procreative power which is necessary for social and moral good.

Harrison does not reserve her criticisms for the pro-choice side of the debate.

It is on the basis of her moral reasoning that Harrison criticizes the pro-choice arguments of the

realist and libertarian schools of thought.

The realist consensus, using economic utilitarianism as their guide, say that abortion is justified because it is less expensive than welfare.

Libertarians, on the other hand, view the issue as one of "freedom of choice" and "right to privacy".

Both these arguments deny the reality of women's experience and fail to take into account any moral considerations, writes Harrison.

In the long run Harrison, too, looks forward to a time when abortion isn't necessary. In a world with better birth control, where men and women share the responsibilities of child care, and when sexual abuse or violence no longer exists, only then will abortion no longer be necessary.

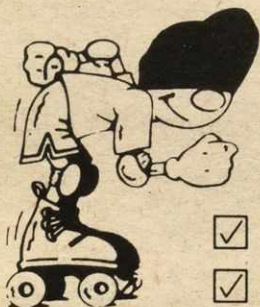
Anyone interested in following the abortion debate should read *Our Right to Choose* by Beverly Wildung-Harrison.



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