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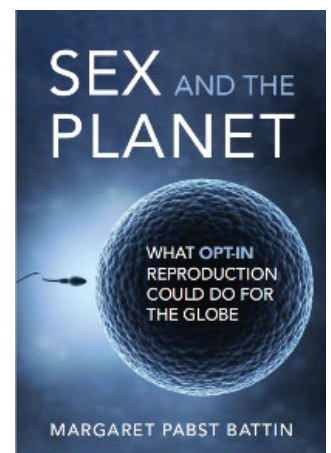
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**What if human reproduction was always elective?  
A prominent bioethicist speculates about the possibilities — and the likely consequences.**

What would the world be like if all pregnancy was intended, not unintended as it is nearly half the time now? Considerably better, Margaret Pabst Battin suggests in *Sex and the Planet*, a provocative thought experiment with far-reaching real-world implications. Many of the world's most vexing and seemingly intractable issues begin with sex—when sperm meets egg, as Battin puts it—abortion, adolescent pregnancy, high-risk pregnancy, sexual violence, population growth and decline. Rethinking reproductive rights and exposing our many mistaken assumptions about sex, *Sex and the Planet* offers an optimistic picture of how we might solve these problems—by drastically curtailing unintended pregnancies using currently available methods.



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