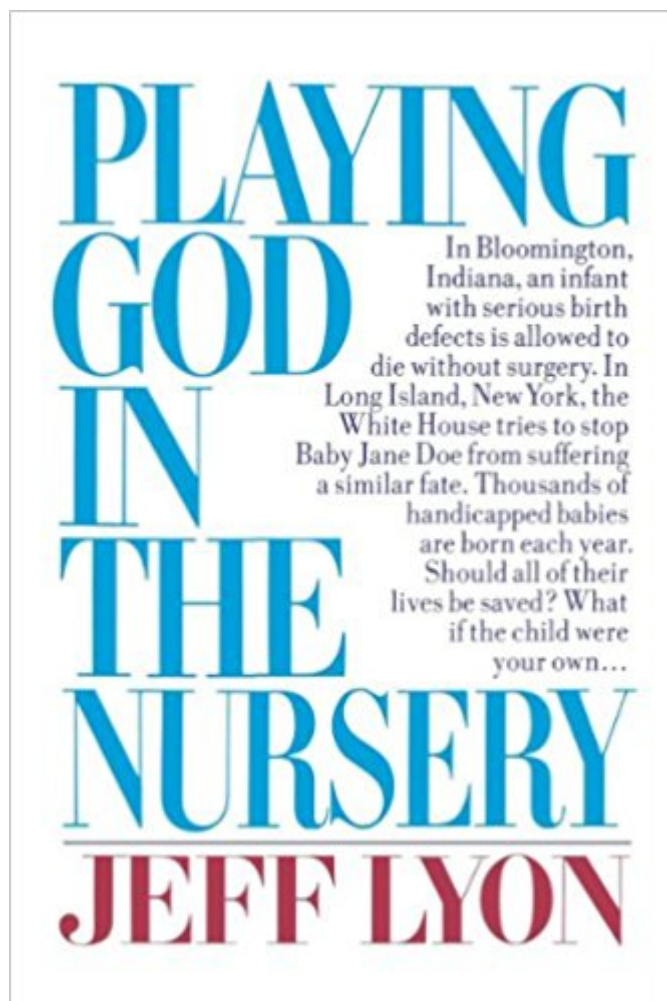


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Jeff Lyon and Peter Gerner, recipients of the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism in 1987 for the stories on which *Altered Fates* was based, write for the Chicago Tribune. They live in Chicago.

Although the information is dated, it still gives food for thought regarding the medical ethics of life or death decisions for the neonate.

I love this book. I happen to frequent a library with very old books, and I picked this up when I was pregnant. The author recounts several true (sometimes heartbreaking) situations to show the reader different angles, from ethical, political, and medical, to emotional. He poses many questions and leaves the reader to make up his or her own mind, of course. This is an exceptionally insightful book, especially for being twenty years old!

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