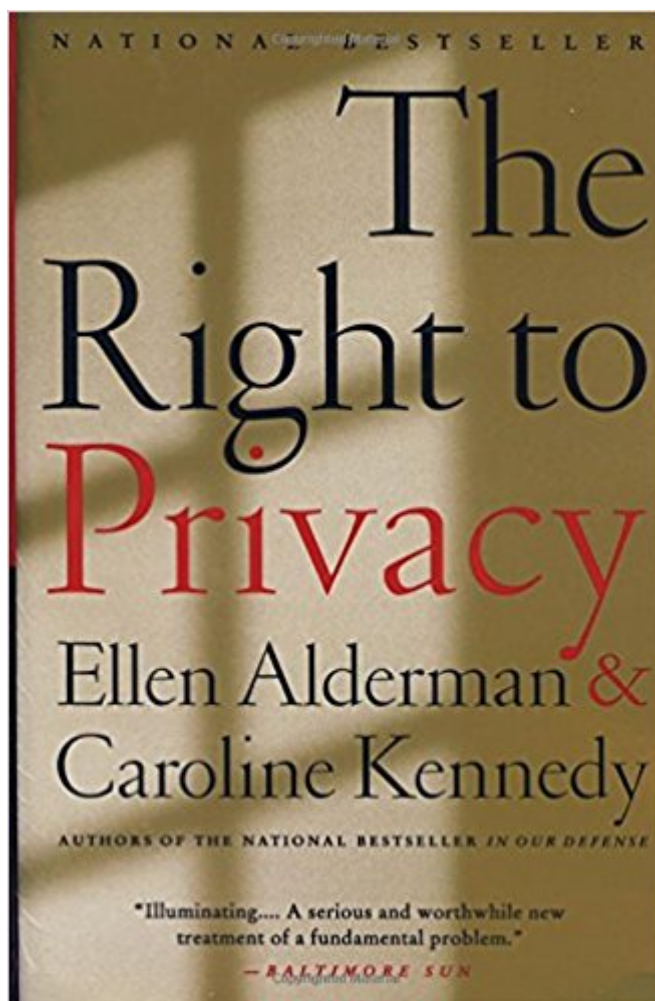




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The Right To Privacy



Synopsis

Can the police strip-search a woman who has been arrested for a minor traffic violation? Can a magazine publish an embarrassing photo of you without your permission? Does your boss have the right to read your email? Can a company monitor its employees' off-the-job lifestyles--and fire those who drink, smoke, or live with a partner of the same sex? Although the word privacy does not appear in the Constitution, most of us believe that we have an inalienable right to be left alone. Yet in arenas that range from the battlefield of abortion to the information highway, privacy is under siege. In this eye-opening and sometimes hair-raising book, Alderman and Kennedy survey hundreds of recent cases in which ordinary citizens have come up against the intrusions of government, businesses, the news media, and their own neighbors. At once shocking and instructive, up-to-date and rich in historical perspective, *The Right to Private* is an invaluable guide to one of the most charged issues of our time."Anyone hoping to understand the sometimes precarious state of privacy in modern America should start by reading this book."--*Washington Post Book World*"Skillfully weaves together unfamiliar, dramatic case histories...a book with impressive breadth."--*Time*

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Coauthors of *In Our Defense: The Bill of Rights in Action*, Alderman and Kennedy here present a pithy and practical casebook on our shrinking right to privacy. The Fourth Amendment, protecting against unreasonable seizures, does not necessarily prevent an arrested person from being

strip-searched, and the authors consider a welter of legal and ethical dilemmas involving the clashing interests of people who wish to be left alone and employers, police and the press, whose jobs may make them intrusive. The use of metal detectors and drug tests in schools and workplaces, women's right to abortion and contraception, people suing to squelch reporting by the media, patients' right to refuse further medical treatment or to undergo assisted suicide, and claims against voyeurs are among the issues and conflicts discussed. Also examined are new privacy conflicts arising in the workplace as employers, facing rising health insurance costs and increased liability for employees' actions, demand?and often obtain?more information about their workers. 100,000 first printing; BOMC selection. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

YA?Stories of individuals who have gone to court to protect their privacy rights are divided into six legally recognized interests. Extensive notes provide legal citations and, where appropriate, additional commentary. Students may be surprised by the limits of privacy rights, the variations in the law from state to state, and the differences in verdicts among seemingly similar cases. Readers may well be riveted to such narrations as that in *Cooper v. Anderson* (17-year-old Jeff Cooper's friends videotaped him having sex with Debbie Anderson, 19, without Anderson's knowledge or approval). Routine strip searches of women accused of such minor offenses as traffic tickets, right-to-die decisions, ownership of frozen embryos, drug interdiction, televised death, a school administrator's search of a student's pocketbook, and a forced Cesarean section performed on a terminally ill patient against the wishes of her family are all of likely interest to older students. Teachers may effectively choose excerpts to illustrate or elicit discussions. Students may find topics for further research, seek to clarify or advance their legal understanding, or just dip in for the stories.?Barbara Hawkins, Oakton High School, Fairfax, VACopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am not a legal eagle---Not into mystery novels or NCIS. But this book had me hooked at the very beginning with the account of arrests of women for minor traffic offenses (e.g. unpaid parking tickets) and taken to jail where they were stripped searched---including body cavity searches. No such treatment for men. At worst, they got a pat down. I was astonished to learn that the Right to Privacy was NOT part of our constitution.I found the book entirely thought-provoking, it kept my interest and generated some animated conversation with houseguests.

I enjoyed this book, even though it is heavy on legal court cases. Don't let that fool you, though, it's not a legal reference. This book covers significant cases in privacy using a very interesting approach. There are interviews and behind-the-scenes stories that explain what happened, how the plaintiff felt, and what the outcome was. If you liked this book you will love "The Digital Umbrella." It is a great compliment to this book.

Important book for those who teach the Constitution.

Interesting read.

Perfect condition and came in super quick. Really interesting too!

a bit boring but just shows what big brother can do to innocent people . good to see caroline standing up for ordinary people .

This book takes real people and cases to display the ways the right to privacy affects us in America today. The authors--one a public figure and the other not--show privacy issues dealing with the press, our body, law enforcement, the voyeur, and the work place. The authors make you think for yourself based upon decisions and cases that state and federal courts have heard in the past. I encourage anyone who is interested in their rights dealing with privacy to read this book.

This book should be read by anyone who is concerned about the issues that surround our rights to privacy. Alderman and Kennedy review real-life court cases to show the audience how our laws come to be. The subjects that are focused on, are the police strip-search cases, school search cases, right to die cases, right to contraception cases, and privacy in the workplace to name a few. There is also a little segment on the issues of technology (the world wide web) and privacy. Kennedy is a very qualified person to write this book, because she grew up in the media glare having very little privacy herself, and understands firsthand what it is like to have a basic fundamental right violated. The right to privacy is a very serious issue in the United States. Alderman and Kennedy do a very fine job explaining how easily our basic fundamental right to privacy can be violated. I highly recommend this book as it is very easy to read and understand.

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