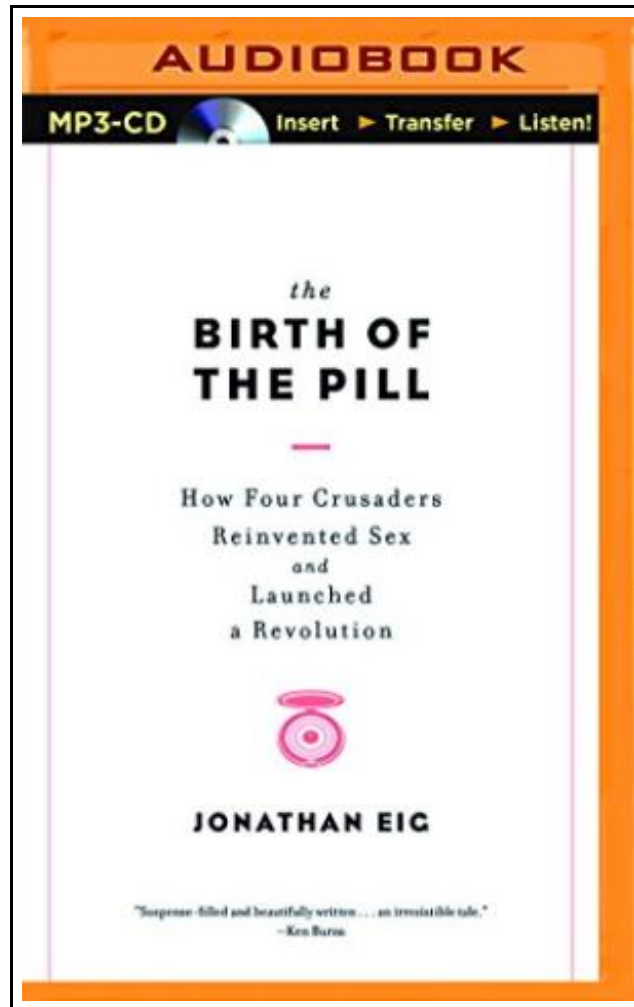# The Birth of the Pill: How Four Crusaders Reinvented Sex and Launched a Revolution

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