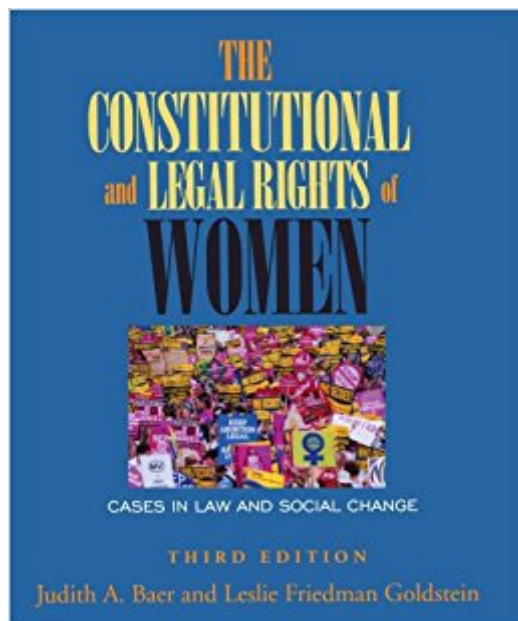




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Got this book for school it was very informative

This book is good if you already have some knowledge in con law. Seems to me to be very slanted toward the feminist viewpoint, which I do not like in a textbook. It does not provide as much contextual info as DACL for instance, which I have found infinitely more helpful. But DACL lacks many of these cases. Sigh. For the intro con law student, you will find yourself in need of outside sources to round your understanding. In my opinion, of course. Perhaps a good instructor would make up for these shortcomings.

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