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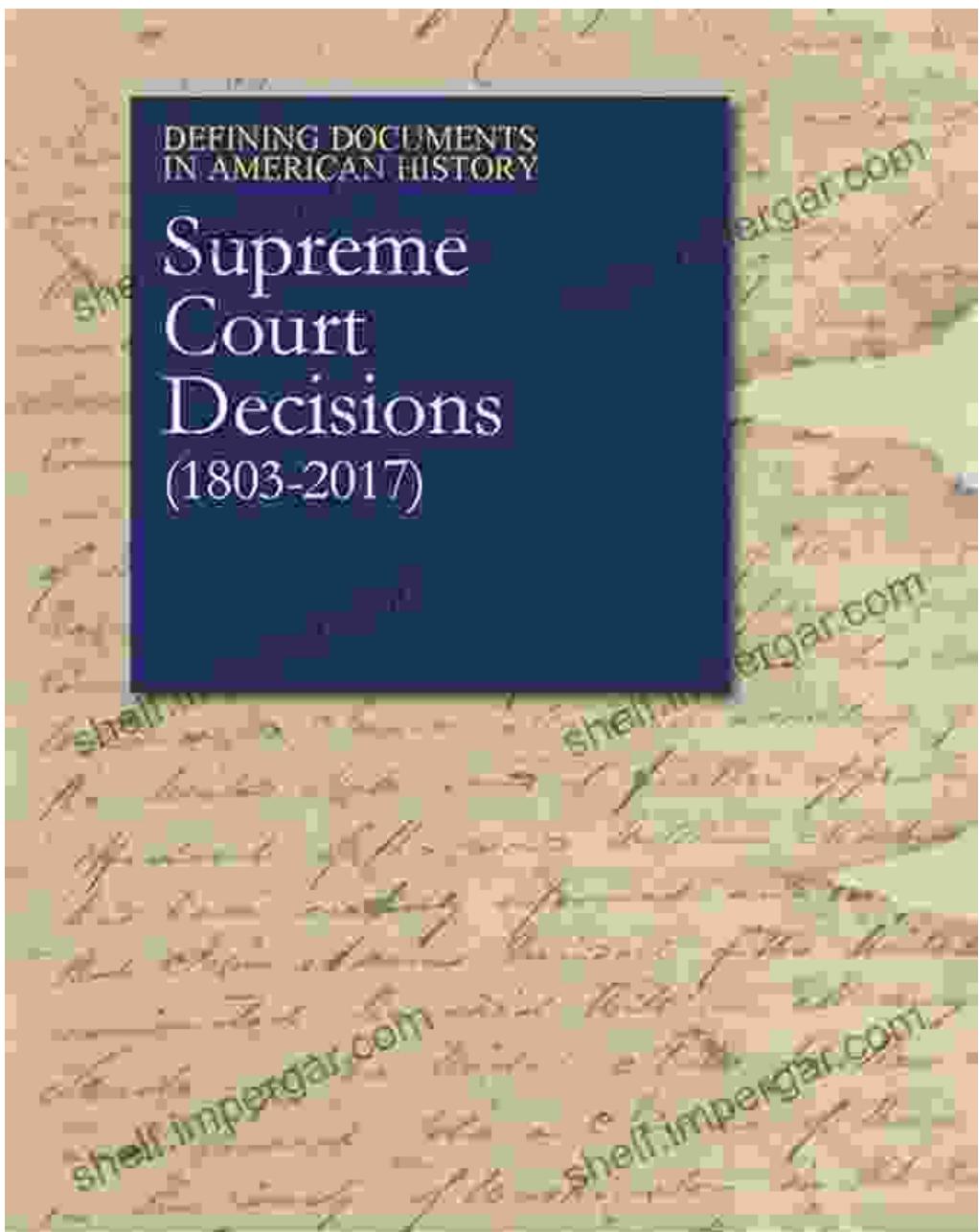
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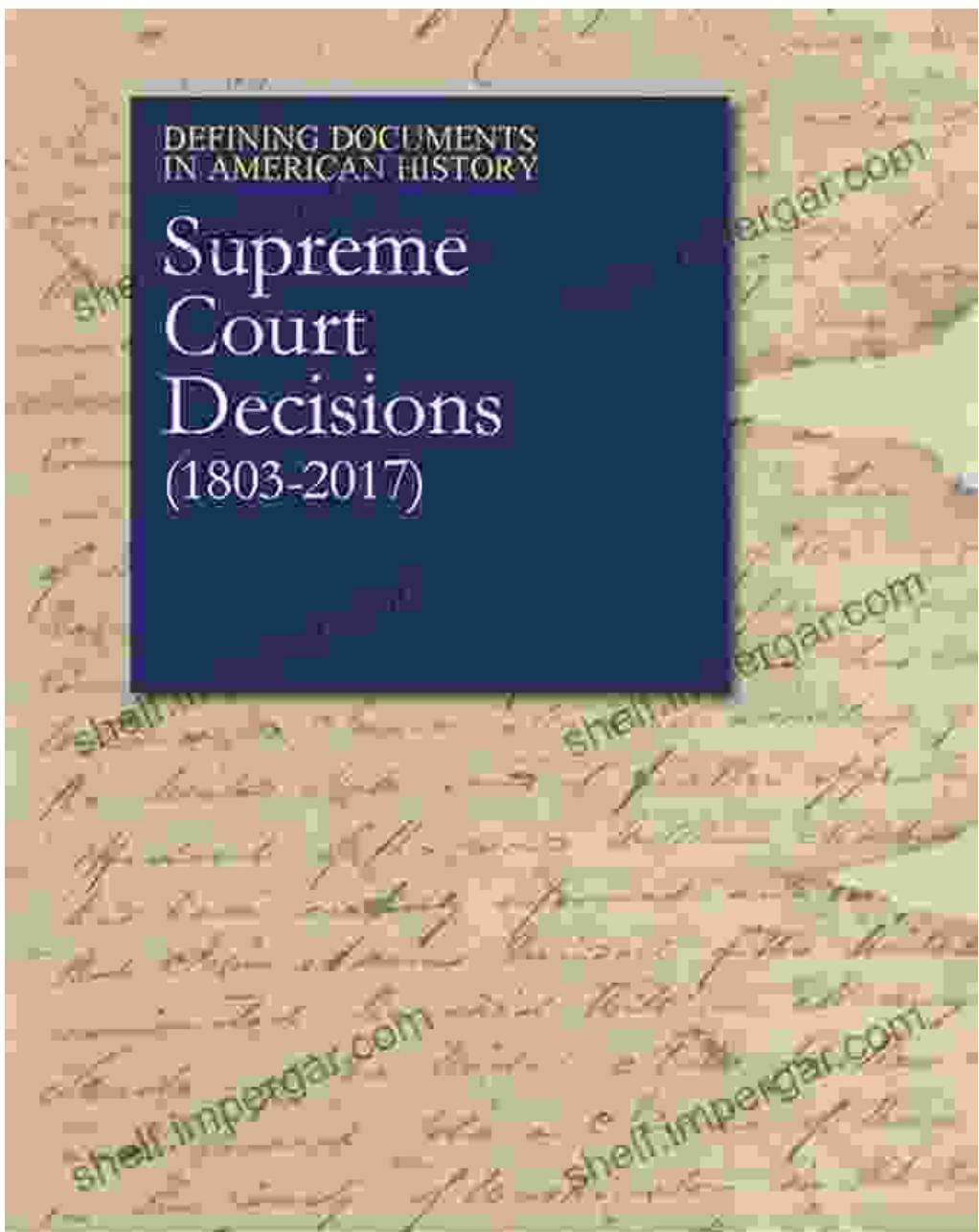
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Marbury v. Madison (1803)



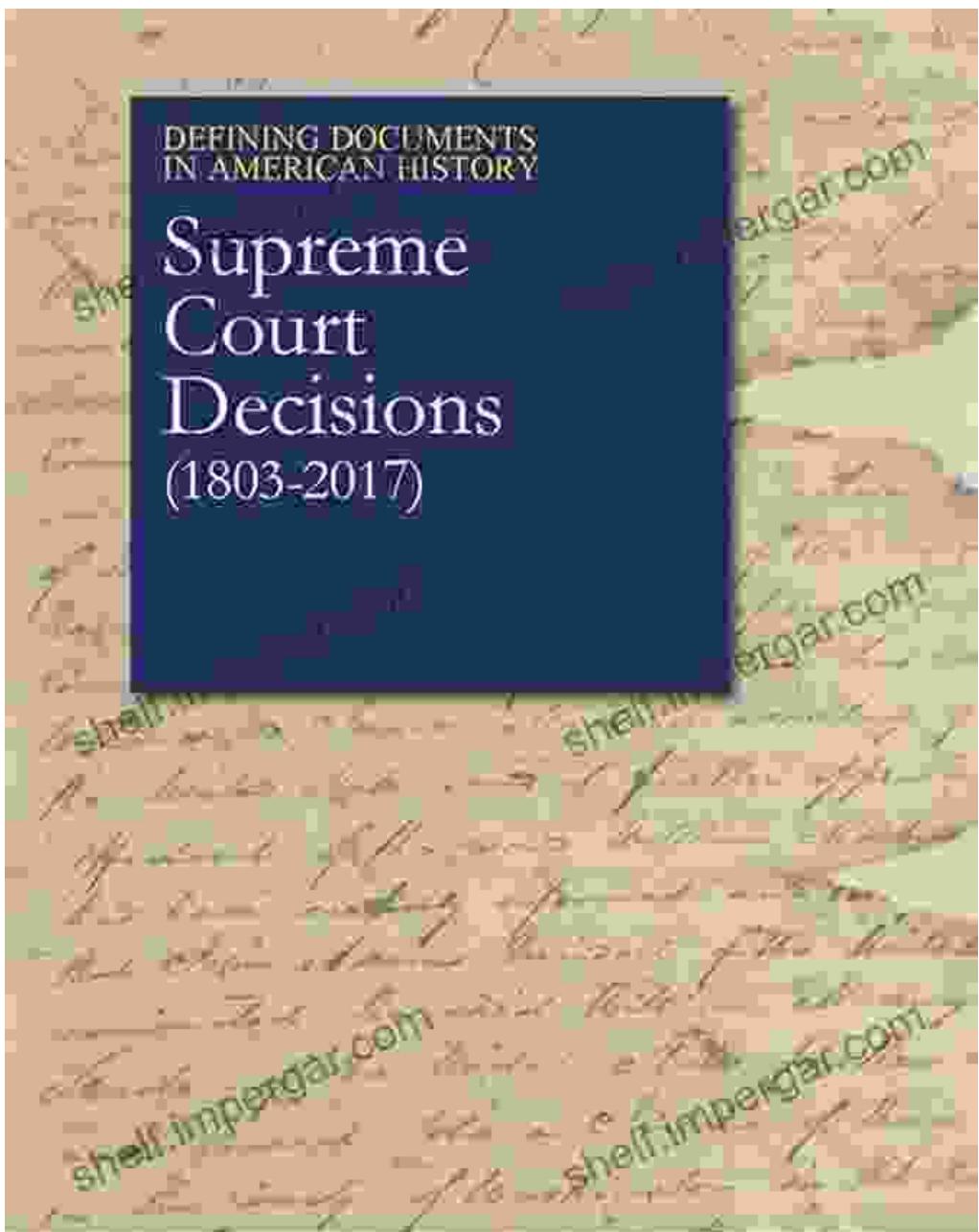
In this landmark decision, the Supreme Court established the principle of judicial review, asserting its authority to declare acts of Congress unconstitutional. This ruling cemented the separation of powers among the three branches of government and laid the foundation for the modern American legal system.

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)



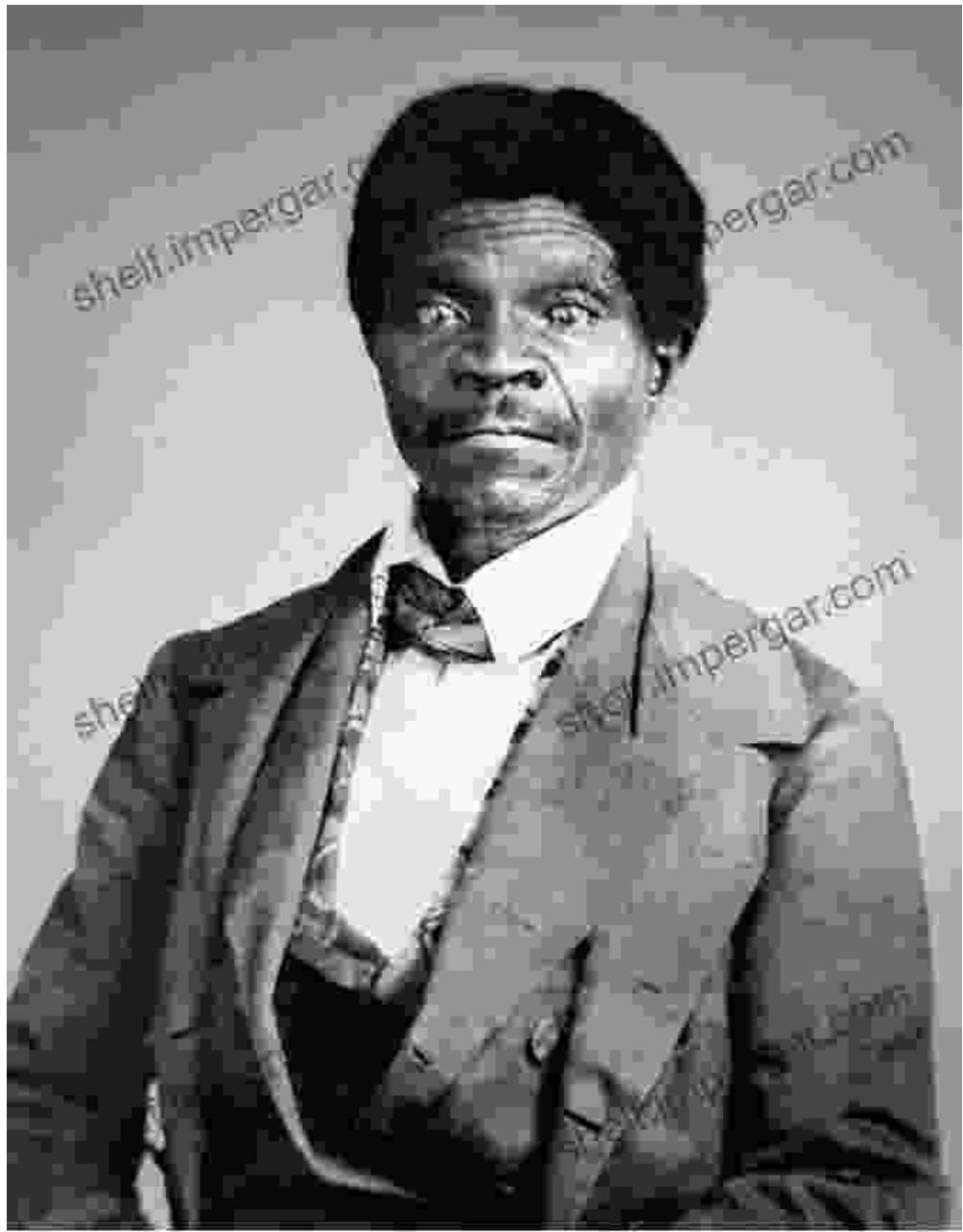
The Supreme Court upheld the federal government's implied powers under the Constitution, affirming its authority to create a national bank. This decision strengthened the federal government's role in economic affairs and established the principle of implied powers, which has been invoked in numerous subsequent rulings.

Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)



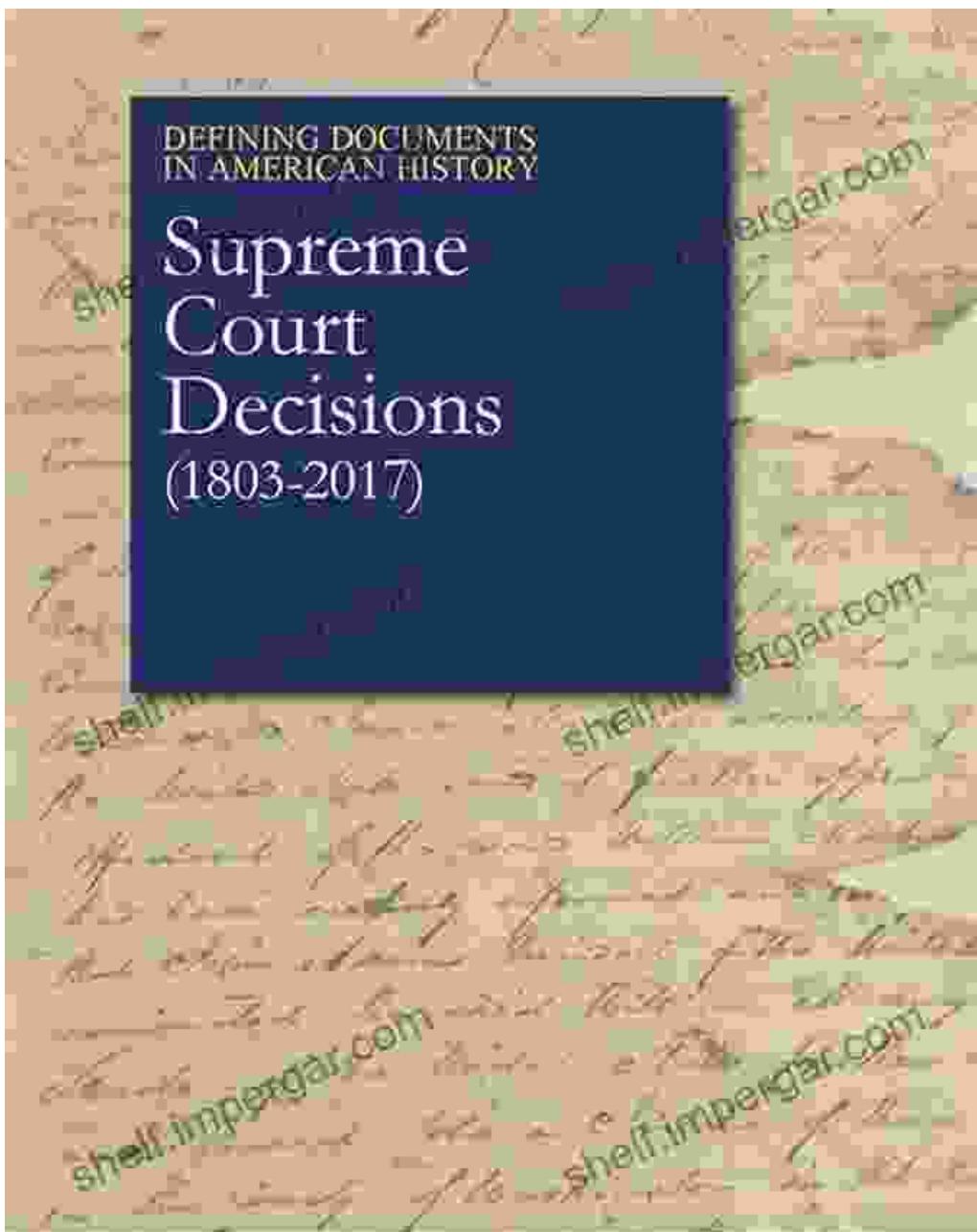
This case established the federal government's exclusive power to regulate interstate commerce. By declaring state laws regulating steamboat traffic unconstitutional, the Supreme Court fostered economic growth and strengthened the national economy.

Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857)



One of the most controversial decisions in Supreme Court history, Dred Scott v. Sandford ruled that African Americans were not citizens and could not sue in federal court. This ruling fueled the growing tensions between the North and South and contributed to the outbreak of the Civil War.

Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)



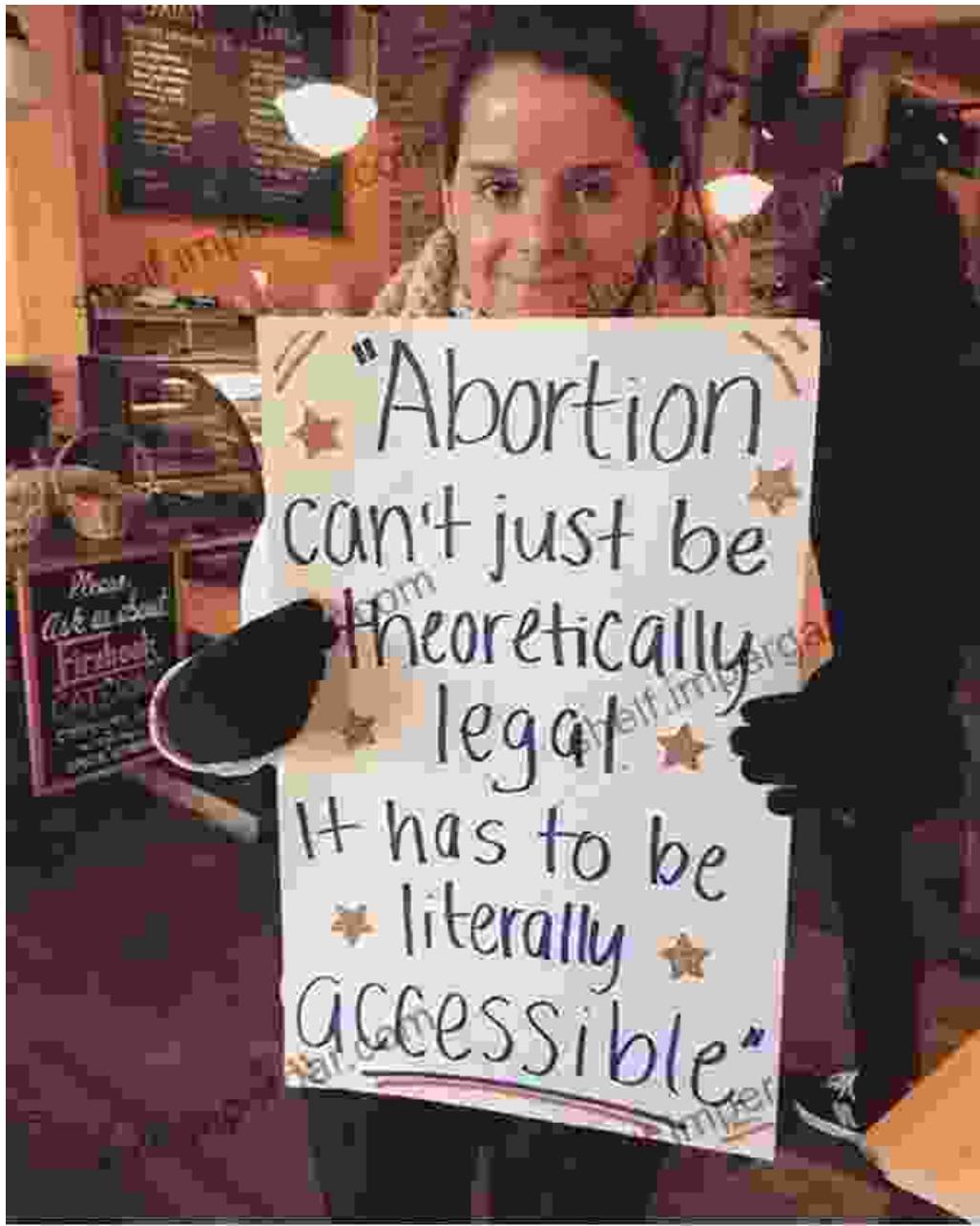
This decision upheld the constitutionality of racial segregation in public facilities, establishing the "separate but equal" doctrine. Plessy v. Ferguson would later be overturned by Brown v. Board of Education, a landmark ruling that desegregated public schools.

Brown v. Board of Education (1954)



Brown v. Board of Education overturned Plessy v. Ferguson, declaring racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. This ruling marked a major victory for the Civil Rights Movement and paved the way for greater equality in American society.

Roe v. Wade (1973)



Roe v. Wade established a woman's constitutional right to abortion. This controversial decision has been the subject of ongoing debate and has had a profound impact on American society.

Citizens United v. FEC (2010)



Citizens United v. FEC overturned restrictions on corporate and union political spending. This decision has been criticized for its potential to give corporations undue influence in elections and has sparked concerns about the role of money in politics.

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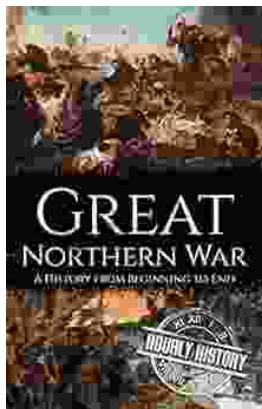
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