# Does My Body Offend You? : A Journey Through the Many Dimensions of Shame

In her powerful and personal book, *Does My Body Offend You?*, Ruby Hamad explores the many dimensions of shame, from the body to the mind to the soul. Drawing on her own experiences, as well as the experiences of others, Hamad creates a nuanced and insightful look at the ways in which shame can shape our lives.

Hamad begins by examining the ways in which shame is rooted in our bodies. She discusses the ways in which our bodies are policed and controlled, and how this can lead to feelings of shame and inadequacy. She also explores the ways in which shame can be used to silence and control women, particularly in relation to their bodies.



#### Does My Body Offend You? by Mayra Cuevas

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Hamad then goes on to explore the ways in which shame can affect our minds and souls. She discusses the ways in which shame can lead to self-doubt, self-hatred, and even self-harm. She also explores the ways in

which shame can be used to create divisions between people, and how it can be used to justify violence and oppression.

Finally, Hamad offers a path to healing from shame. She discusses the importance of self-acceptance and self-love, and she offers practical tools for overcoming shame. She also emphasizes the importance of community and connection, and how these can help us to heal from shame and to build a more just and equitable world.

*Does My Body Offend You?* is a powerful and important book that sheds light on the many dimensions of shame. Hamad's insights are both personal and universal, and her writing is both moving and thoughtprovoking. This book is a must-read for anyone who has ever struggled with shame, and it is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to create a more just and equitable world.

#### About the Author

Ruby Hamad is a writer, speaker, and activist. She is the author of the award-winning book *White Tears/Brown Scars: How White Feminism Betrays Women of Color*. Hamad's work has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, and the *Huffington Post*. She is a regular contributor to the anthology *The Good Immigrant*.

#### Praise for Does My Body Offend You?

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"Hamad's book is a brave and necessary exploration of the many ways that shame can shape our lives. She writes with honesty, clarity, and compassion, and her insights are both personal and universal. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the power of shame and how to overcome it." — *Ijeoma Oluo* 

"Does My Body Offend You? is a powerful and moving book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. Hamad's writing is both personal and political, and she offers a unique and important perspective on the many ways that shame can affect our lives. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the power of shame and how to overcome it." — adrienne maree brown



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