

Did You Know?

Myths and stereotypes about “The Muslim Woman” prevail, but this book gives readers an unexpected look into the life of one woman who was raised in the African American Muslim tradition. Only one to two percent of the American population is Muslim, but Muslims are highly visible as major players in current world affairs, and increasingly Muslims are becoming politically influential as evidenced by recent inaugurations using the Holy Quran. An African American Muslim, Keith Ellison, in 2006 became the first Muslim elected to Congress.

The Muslim community for the past ten years has been the fastest growing community in America, mostly with African Americans converting, Muslim immigrants migrating, and Muslims giving birth. There are 1.3 billion Muslims in the world, and up to 6 million in America.

In “Do Me Twice: My Life After Islam,” our young shero suffers marital rape at the hands of her husband, who professes to be Muslim, and she determines never to give anyone license to her body and soul. Does this private determination shape her decisions for the next 20 years?

Marital Rape

Ten percent of the married women in America experience marital rape, according to a recent university report. Marital rape became illegal in 1993 in most states in America. In a few states – and in most countries – it is not against the law for a man to force sexual relations with his wife. The law considers the women’s consent given when she voluntarily entered into the marriage. Where do we draw the line on individual freedoms, privacy and rights within a marriage? When is the line crossed between playful, erotic aggression and out-right rape?

Abortion

Each year, more than 1.6 million women in America have abortions. They’re teens terminating un-planned pregnancies and women through their 40s terminating for various reasons.

Since the legalization of abortion in 1973, more than 42 million women in America have had abortions, according to university studies. Those are documented abortions, a figure that does not include effective home remedies that go unreported.

Additionally, across the world millions more women induce abortions without medical supervision. In “Do Me Twice: My Life After Islam,” the heroine, at 19 marches into an abortion clinic, having decided to give life to her intellectual and artistic offspring rather than her biological seed. Will she regret the decision the next 20 years of her life?

Success

The human has a remarkably resilient spirit. We can overcome anything and succeed!