



# An Unlikely Social Justice Warrior: Making My Life Count as a Muslim Feminist

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Activism and Social  
Movement Studies

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## This course reading...

- A powerful memoir by a Grammy-certified songwriter, faith leader, and human rights advocate.
- Chronicles a Malaysian Muslim woman's journey navigating identity, feminism, and activism in America.
- Offers rare insight into progressive Islam, LGBTQIA+ allyship, and the global fight against patriarchy.
- Blends storytelling, music, and advocacy to challenge cultural and religious norms with courage and clarity.
- Ideal for students and educators in gender studies, activism, LGBTQIA+ studies, Islamic studies, and human rights programs.

## What happens when a Malaysian Muslim woman defies expectations and challenges patriarchy?

**Ani Zonneveld** shares her journey from Kuala Lumpur to rural Illinois, confronting invisible lines drawn by religion, gender, and race—all in pursuit of truth and justice.

From the music industry to global human rights forums, Ani uses her voice—literally and figuratively—to advocate for freedom of expression, women's rights, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion within Islam. Whether navigating UN corridors or standing up to extremists, her story challenges dominant narratives and fosters radical empathy. Her memoir is a bold invitation to step out of tribalism and into allyship, using the intersections of feminism, faith, and the arts as tools for transformation.

Ideal for educators, students, and readers in activism, gender studies, LGBTQIA+ studies, Islamic studies, cultural anthropology, and human rights.

**Ani Zonneveld** is a Grammy-certified songwriter, activist, and founder of Muslims for Progressive Values. She champions women's rights, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, and freedom of expression through faith, music, and advocacy.

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