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Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All Of Life Better



Synopsis

It's a radical, provocative idea: We're not entitled to get offended or stay angry. The idea of our own "righteous anger" is a myth. It is the number-one problem in our societies today and, as Dallas Willard says, Christians have not been taught out of it. As it turns out, giving up our "right" to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things we can do. In *Unoffendable*, listeners will find something of immeasurable value - a concrete, practical way to live life with less stress. They'll adjust their expectations to fit human nature and replace perpetual anger with refreshing humility and gratitude. Through the author's winsome, humorous, and conversational style, this book doesn't add another thing to do on a stressed-out person's ever-growing list. *Unoffendable* actually seeks to lift religious burdens from our backs and allow us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of our lives.

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Customer Reviews

If you just look at the title of Brant Hansen's *Unoffendable- How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*, it appears to be another self help book designed to teach the reader how to develop a tough skin. That assumption couldn't be further from the truth. I was fortunate enough to get an advanced copy of the book. It is written from a Christian point of view, but even skeptics will be able to get something out of this book and enjoy it in the process. Hansen isn't preachy or teachy. He doesn't even come off as an expert on the subject. In fact, each page is laced with humility which is

very appropriate for the subject matter because through the pages, we discover how important humility is in being unoffendable. Hansen chides those that want to cherry-pick scriptures justifying their anger and has a firm answer to them, but of course he does it without taking offense. The unoffendable message is given to the reader packed with humorous and heart touching stories told in Hansen's quirky, but charming way. He draws on Christian authors and artists and isn't shy about picking on evangelical culture, as much as he does himself. What I found out as I approached the end of the book was that Brant Hansen is right. I was not as prone to be offended in my daily life as I was before reading. Sure, I had times where the gut reaction of offense wanted to surface, but from reading the book being unoffendable wasn't quite as difficult as it was before and will probably get even easier day by day unless I turn loose of the concept. I do not plan to do that because I prefer peace in my life rather than strife. I whole-heartedly recommend Unoffendable by Brant Hansen. Although it helped me a great deal, it doesn't come off as a self-help book. It is more like a memoir or an amusing conversation with an interesting friend at a coffee shop. It was so enjoyable that I was always ready for another cup.

Take the authenticity of Francis Chan, the scriptural analysis of Lee Strobel, and mix it with the compassion of Gregg Matte and you have Brant Hansen's new book-"Un-off-end-able". Brant has taken a subject dear to my heart and presented it in the most "un-offendable" way possible. Choosing to be un-offendable alone is offensive and turns years of incorrect popular teachings of "righteous anger" on its head. This book is truly honest, remarkable, and challenging in a world that as Brant puts it "seems to spin on an axis of offense." Author Ann Coulter wrote-"He who is offended first-wins." Brant challenges the "arguing to win in any situation" dilemma and explains that victory is found in Scripture with the simple choice to be un-offendable. That choice as silly as it may sound affords humility and love in every controversial moment. At the end of any argument, we are called to love our enemies. That alone is offensive. This book is riveting. Brant uses timely examples that not only convict but compel the reader to repent and choose to be un-offendable only because the Author and Perfecter of our Faith, Jesus Christ, set the example. Brant in his lovable way also defines what having real faith and hope in the promises of our Creator and holding steadfast to know that vengeance belongs only to a righteous Creator. Again, this too is offensive to the immediate needs of justice our society holds dear to our maligned hearts. I found

Brant's insight and honest presentation of the Bible liberating in my every day walk as a PEACE officer, husband and father. As a Law Enforcement Officer, I can not be offended by what anyone says or does directly towards me. It's the law clarified by the Supreme Court of the U.S. of A. But as a Christian, I should choose not be offended by what anyone says or does directly towards me. It is God's law. It's God's law clarified by Jesus Christ in human form. I challenge anyone to try and NOT be offended in any matter for just half a day. It's hard. Then, I challenge you to read this book. If not, I won't be offended. Promise.

After being rejected by some very close friends (again), I was desperately praying God would send me some real help in learning how to trust Him more and deal with the pain of my broken heart, so I could move on. God answered my prayer, and this book arrived at my door. (I pre-ordered it. Haha!) This is a book where I feel like I am sitting down with my favorite fun big brother (I have great respect for) who is wanting to help me understand God's wisdom, in love. He isn't saying things that he has all figured out while looking down on me, but stuff he is dealing with too. He is simply offering the peace and rest I've asked Jesus for. He is telling me what my stubborn heart doesn't want to hear but needs to embrace. It is tough stuff and easy to get defensive. (Thank you God for helping me! Yay!!!) If you think you are open for some serious help and are too tired from the struggle, this book is what you need.

Brant has impressed me as a guy I would like to get to know from the moment I heard him on the radio. If you don't know, he is a syndicated national radio host as well as a good author. I am looking forward to his next book about misfits. I had never thought about anger and offense the way he outlines. I think he's on to something. If you are looking for a challenge, read this book and try to find true, well reasoned, biblical issues with his points. I could not. The only thing left for me to do is change. (Oh Lord, help me change).

A friend recommended this book to me after I told her about getting along problems with my adult children. - I read this book so fast because I had no idea how offended I was about everything and the book was so simple yet deep. It has made me the deepest impression on me over all the self help books I read the past 10 years, I will read it again. I wish I read this in my 20's. I think I have offended some people that I can't undo the damage, but also know it's not my job to change it - just forgive.

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