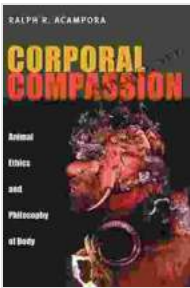


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Gruen then offers a new understanding of the body, one that is based on the insights of phenomenology and feminist theory. She argues that the body is not a passive object, but rather an active and embodied subject. The body is the way that we experience the world, and it is through our bodies that we relate to other beings. This understanding of the body has important implications for our ethical responsibilities to animals.

If the body is a site of agency, vulnerability, and compassion, then we must recognize that animals are also capable of these experiences. Animals can feel pain and suffering, they can form attachments to others, and they can care for their young. This means that we have a moral obligation to treat animals with respect and compassion.

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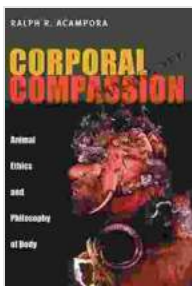
ethical treatment of animals." - **Tom Regan, North Carolina State University**

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