



Book List

CATEGORY	TITLE	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION
Being Present with the Dying	Talking About Death	Virginia Morris	addresses the cultural, personal, medical, and legal concerns that are necessary for us — as individuals and as a society — to prepare for a good death
Being Present with the Dying	What Do I Say? Talking with Patients About Spirituality	Elizabeth Johnston Taylor	lessons, tips, and exercises on how to listen effectively, with guidelines for detecting and understanding the spiritual needs embedded in patients' conversations
Being Present with the Dying	Sacred Passage: How to Provide Fearless, Compassionate Care for the Dying	Margaret Coberly	offers sound, practical advice on meeting the essential needs of the dying, integrating stories from her long career in nursing with useful insights from the Tibetan Buddhist teachings
Being Present with the Dying: Death Midwifery	The Art of Death Midwifery: An Introduction and Beginner's Guide	Joellyn St. Pierre, DDiv	a compelling and comprehensive manual for family, clergy, hospice volunteers, or medical staff engaged in the field of death and dying
Being Present with the Dying: Death Midwifery	Midwife for Souls: Spiritual Care for the Dying	Kathy Kalina	provides insight into how the support of Catholic faith and the power of prayer can be a guide in ministering to a dying person
Being Present with the Dying: Death Midwifery	Midwifing Death: Returning to the Arms of the Ancient Mother	Leslene della-Madre	exploring ancient ways of honoring divinity both in our lives and deaths
Celebrations & Rituals	<i>American Afterlife: Encounters in the Customs of Mourning</i>	Kate Sweeney	NPR affiliate producer explores American traditions and trends, and facing death with quirky pragmatism
Celebrations & Rituals	Making an Exit	Sarah Murray	a travelogue of death, ritual, and disposition from around the global funereal landscape
Celebrations & Rituals	Parting Ways: New Rituals and Celebrations of Life's Passing	Denise Carson	explores the emergence of new end-of-life rituals in America that celebrate the dying and reinvent the roles of family and community at the deathbed

Celebrations & Rituals	Remembering Well: Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death	Sarah York	offers ways to plan services and rituals that honor the spirit of the deceased and are faithful to that person's values and beliefs
Celebrations & Rituals	Altars: Bringing Sacred Shrines into Your Everyday Life	Denise Linn	speaks to the human need to create sacred spaces
Celebrations & Rituals	Sacred Dying: Creating Rituals for Embracing the End of Life	Megory Anderson & Thomas Moore	handbook for creating a dignified, peaceful, and more sacred end to life
Celebrations & Rituals	The Pagan Book of Living and Dying	Starhawk & M. Macha Nightmare	practical rituals, prayers, blessings and meditations on crossing over
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	The Fall of Freddie the Leaf	Leo Buscaglia	an inspiring allegory illustrating the delicate balance between life and death
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	What is Death	Etan Boritzer	beautifully illustrated, this book encourages children to embrace the positive in life while following the life cycle
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	Badger's Parting Gifts	Susan Varley	warm and sensitive illustrations reflect the hopeful mood of this tale about woodland animals learning to accept their friend Badger's death
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	Lifetimes: The beautiful way to explain death to children	Bryan Mellonie & Robert Ingpen	explains life and death to young children

Children: Explaining Death to Kids	Aunt Molly's Transition— Seeing Death in a New Light	Jilda DiGiovacchino- Fitchett	coloring/interactive book guides children between 9 - 12 years, parents
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	Straight Talk about Death for Teenagers	Earl Grollman	offers advice and answers the kinds of questions that teens are likely to ask themselves when grieving the death of someone close
Children: Explaining Death to Kids	Grief in Young Children: A Handbook for Adults	Atle Dyregrov & William Yule	although young children may not express grief in the same way as older children, they still need to be supported through loss
Children: Surviving the Loss of a Child	A Broken Heart Still Beats: After Your Child Dies	Anne McCracken & Mary Semel	compilation of poetry, fiction, and essays about the pain, stages of grief, and the coping and healing process that follows the death of one's child
Children: Surviving the Loss of a Child	Laughing in the Waterfall: A Mother's Memoir	Marianne Dietzel	offers insights into how to create a new culture around the sacred threshold of death
Children: Surviving the Loss of a Child	Alison's Gift: The Sound of a Hundred Hearts Opening	Pat Hogan	portrays the spirit of Alison's childhood dream to help others after her accidental death
Commentary	Round Trip to Deadsville: A Year in the Funeral Underground	Tim Matson	this short journey through funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematoriums, with side trips to probate lawyers, casket- makers, astrologers, and stone-cutters is truly an underground classic
Commentary	Jane Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond	Jane Brody	research and discussion of everything you need to know — emotionally, spiritually, and practically — to prepare for the end of life

Commentary	The Whole Death Catalog	Harold Schechter	treasure trove of surprising facts, amusing anecdotes, practical information, and timeless wisdom about that undiscovered country to which we will all one day travel
Conscious Dying	Being with Dying: Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death	Joan Halifax	explores and contemplates the transformative power of the dying process
Conscious Dying	The Art of Dying: Honoring & Celebrating Life's Passages	Salli Rasberry & Carole Rae Watanabe	part lively discussion of today's trends, part spiritual journey, and part practical handbook
Conscious Dying	Living Consciously, Dying Gracefully	Nancy Manahan & Becky Bohan	inspiring story describes Diane Manahan's cancer years and extraordinary death at home
Conscious Dying	Learning to Fall: the Blessings of an Imperfect Life	Philip Simmons	presents his own insight into the well-known messages of Western and Eastern spiritual masters as well as observations about his daily life in the face of his imminent death by ALS
Conscious Dying	Final Gifts	Maggie Callahan & Patricia Kelley	intimate experiences with patients at the end of life, drawn from more than twenty years experience tending the terminally ill
Conscious Dying	The Needs of the Dying	David Kessler	provides information to help meet the needs of a loved one while providing a vocabulary for speaking and hearing those needs
Conscious Dying	The Four Things That Matter Most	Ira Byock	teaches us how to practice these life-affirming words in our day- to-day lives

Conscious Dying	Dying Well: Peace and Possibilities at the End of Life	Ira Byock	tells stories of love and reconciliation in the face of tragedy, pain, and conflict
Conscious Dying	Dying Beautifully	Billie Best and Jason Houston	one man's beautiful death and how dying consciously can change everything.
Conscious Dying	Preparing to Die	Andrew Holecek	practical advice and spiritual wisdom from Tibetan Buddhist Tradition
Creative Endings	Remember Me: A Lively Tour of the New American Way of Death	Lisa Takeuchi Cullen	humorous and poignant chronicle of travels around the country to discover how Americans are reinventing the rites of dying
Creative Endings	Exit Strategy: Thinking Outside the Box	Michelle Cromer	offers a plethora of creative alternatives to traditional funerals
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Exploring Death	Staring at the Sun: Overcoming the Terror death	Irvin D. Yalom	sharing stories of patients and their anxieties about death
Exploring Death	Being with the Dying, Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death	Joan Halifax	source of wisdom for all those charged with a dying person's care, facing their own death, or wishing to explore and contemplate the transformative power of the dying process

Exploring Death	The Final Crossing, Learning to Die in Order to Live	Dr. Scott Eberle	blends medicine, humanism and storytelling in relating the tale of three journeys: as a physician and fellow traveler, as a remarkable man who seeks out his care, and all of us who will know the transformation of life by death
Exploring Death	Lessons from the Dying	Rodney Smith	through meditations and stories a Buddhist practitioner and hospice worker guides the reader through assumptions, hopes and fears about death
Home Funerals	Where the Tree Falls, the Forest Rises	Charlene Elderkin	30 first-person stories integrating the death of a loved one into a transformed life
Home Funerals	After Death Home Care	Merilynne Rush	20 thought-provoking chapters explaining how to care for your own at home, benefits for families
Home Funerals: How-to Guidebooks	Living into Dying	Nancy Jewel Poer	journal of spiritual and practical deathcare for family and community
Home Funerals: How-to Guidebooks	Undertaken with Love: A Home Funeral Guide for Congregations and Communities	Holly Stevens	practical home funeral care guidebook for spiritual and helping communities
Home Funerals: How-to Guidebooks	Final Passages: A Complete Home Funeral Guide	Jerrigrace Lyons & Janelle Va Melvin	companion resource and how-to guide for students of Final Passages home funeral guide workshops
Home Funerals: How-to Guidebooks	Resource Guide	Beth Knox Crossings: Caring for Our Own at Death	step-by-step how-to guide for home funeral care

Home Funerals: How-to Guidebooks	A Christian Ending: A Handbook for Burial in the Ancient Christian Tradition	J. Mark and Elizabeth J. Barna	detailed practical how-to guide for a home or church community funeral from start to finish, with specific reference to Orthodox Christianity
Legalities	Final Rights: Reclaiming the American Way of Death	Josh Slocum & Lisa Carlson	provides state-by-state information consumers need to conduct their funeral affairs
Legalities	Legal Guidelines for Unlicensed Practitioners	Dr. Lawrence Wilson	helps one to become aware of occupational licensing matters and how to practice as an unlicensed practitioner without legal difficulties
Music	Singing Us Home	Rhea Schnurman	sheet music for songs to sing to the dying and after
Natural Burial	Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry	Mark Harris	landmark book detailing funeral practices from toxic to natural
Natural Burial	Going Out Green	Bob Butz	investigative reporter, humorist and amateur naturalist on planning his own natural burial in three months
Planning & Advance Directives	After I'm Gone: Thoughts, Wishes, Memories & Secrets to Share with Those I Love	Susan Davies	journal to help clear the conscience, reveal long-kept secrets, preserve little-known family history, leaving the journal owner with the peace of mind that nothing was left unsaid
Planning & Advance Directives	Grave Expectations: Planning the End Like There's No Tomorrow	Shirley Flowers	planning tool providing guidance, peace of mind, and an opportunity for self-discovery and expression

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Planning & Advance Directives	After I Go, You Should Know	Funeral Consumers Alliance	the FCA's fill-in booklet of important information to leave behind; gift of membership or by purchase
Planning & Advance Directives	Dealing Creatively with Death: A manual of Death Education and Simple Burial	Ernest Morgan	an essential guide for those wishing to forgo the services of an expensive funeral home
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Seminal Works	The American Way of Death Revisited (original "American Way of Death" is out of print)	Jessica Mitford	landmark of investigative journalism resulted in legislation to protect grieving families from the unscrupulous sales practices of those in "the dismal trade"
Seminal Works	Meetings at the Edge	Stephen Levine	integrates death into the context of life with compassion, skill, and hope
Seminal Works	Who Dies?	Stephen Levine	how to open to the immensity of living with death, to participate fully in life as the perfect preparation for whatever may come next
Seminal Works	On Death and Dying	Kubler Ross	gives the reader a better understanding of how imminent death affects the patient, the professionals who serve the patient, and the patient's family, bringing hope, solace, and peace of mind to all involved
The Dying Process	Visions, Trips and Crowded Rooms	David Kessler	three uniquely shared experiences that challenge our ability to explain and fully understand the mystery of our final days
The Dying Process	Stiff: The Curious Live of Human Cadavers	Mary Roach	oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem
The Dying Process	How We Die: Reflections of Life's Final Chapter	Sherwin Nuland	how we can take control of our own final days and those of our loved ones

The Dying Process	At the End of Life	Lee Gutkind	compelling personal narratives reveal the inner workings of hospitals, homes and hospices where patients, doctors and their loved ones all battle to hang on—and to let go
The Dying Process	It's Ok to Die	Dr. Monica Williams-Murphy Kristian Murphy	making medical decisions that allow patients and families to experience a “good death” while weighing the benefits of interventions vs. AND (allow natural death)