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Does This Mean You'll See Me Naked?: Field Notes From A Funeral Director



Synopsis

Why would someone want to hang out with dead bodies? With curious anecdotes and unbelievable truth, funeral director Robert Webster reveals that answer and more, offering readers entertaining and quirky stories gleaned from a life lived around death. Webster tackles those embarrassing questions we all have about what really goes on behind the scenes when you've left this world: Strange things people put in caskets The biggest rip-offs in the business The crazy things that happen to a body after death Lime, waz, and other ways to hide the truth The most important thing an undertaker does How to avoid the high-pressure funeral parlor What that's not a coffin the body is resting in

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Customer Reviews

Death is a topic that most of us don't really like to think about, understandably. This book gives a first-hand account of what happens to our corpses after we pass away. Robert Webster, the author of this book, is a Funeral Home Director/Owner. He grew up in and around the funeral home business. His father was in the business and so was his brother. He has owned his own funeral home since 2001. I say all of this because it shows that he is an authority on the topic of the funeral business. Overall I enjoyed the book. It is layered with numerous anecdotes, and depending on your disposition, they are very informative. Also, many of these stories present themselves as quite humorous, if your sense of humor leans a little dark. Mr. Webster gives a very real account of the funeral home business, from his perspective. He delves into many aspects of the industry: 1) Dealing

with the family of the deceased.2) Transportation of the deceased.3) Embalming4) Caskets and Urns5) Cremation6) The evolution of the funeral home industry during the past 40 years.7) He talks a little bit about the history of the industry (I really enjoyed these parts)8) What the massive corporate take over of the business means for you.9) Things that you should consider before your time comes, or when planning a funeral for a loved one. I am sure I am forgetting some things here. Mr. Webster layers each one of these points with his anecdotes. I would say the break down of the book is about 70-30, anecdotes-factual/historical material. If you are looking for an entertaining read about the funeral home industry, this book is for you.

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