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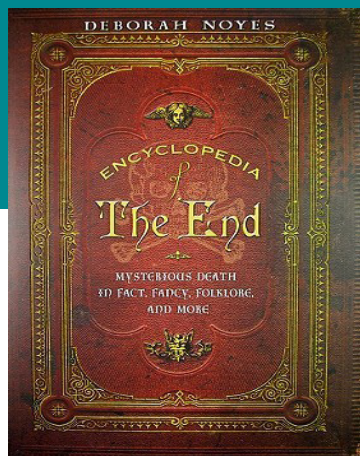
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Book Review

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Deborah Noyes explores the world's differing views and practices relating to our demise in this encyclopedia on death. Entries include fact and fiction, religion and mythology, and cultural practices from nations across the world. Noyes also looks at the differing emotions people feel and what various societies deem acceptable for people to do in relation to death. Common forms of burial, grief, and remembrance highlight the popular ways to deal with the passing of a loved one and how people deal with death. Cultural ideas of the afterlife show how people worldwide view passing on and what happens after death.

This book is well researched and laid out, with clear information and good representation for a variety of cultures and ideas about death. Many of the entries would not be common knowledge, making the book ideal for anyone interested in learning more about how society views this event. Since the book was published in 2008, some of the data is outdated, but this doesn't affect the message of the information being provided. While this book will not be the first pick for everyone, the reader who chooses this book can learn a great deal more about our world.

*Contains moderate violence.

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Rating

Dependable

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