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Best-selling author and mortician Caitlin Doughty answers real questions from kids about death, dead bodies, and decomposition.

## Will My Cat Come Back

Every day, funeral director Caitlin Doughty receives dozens of questions about death. What would happen to an astronaut's body if it were pushed out of a space shuttle? Do people poop when they die? Can Grandma have a Viking funeral?

## Will My Cat Forget Me

In *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?*, Doughty blends her mortician's knowledge of the body and the intriguing history behind common misconceptions about corpses to offer factual, hilarious, and candid answers to thirty-five distinctive questions posed by her youngest fans. In her inimitable voice, Doughty details lore and science of what happens to, and inside, our bodies after we die. Why do corpses groan? What causes bodies to turn colors during decomposition? And why do hair and nails appear longer after death? Readers will learn the best soil for mummifying your body, whether you can preserve your best friend's skull as a keepsake, and what happens when you die on a plane. Beautifully illustrated by Diann Ruz, *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?* shows us that death is science and art, and only by asking questions can we begin to embrace it.

after giving it much thought, i think that yes... cats would eat eyeballs.

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i love this title. it makes me laugh

## Will My Cat Remember Me

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Her answers to these questions (â€œIf I die making a funny face, will it stay like that?â€• and â€œcan I be buried with my dog?â€• ) are smart and full of science and history. And humor. Itâ€™s a delight to read. ...more

All hail the mother of all deathlings. I know, I know, I still haven't read her previous books. Better get to it soon! (And no, I would have no problem with my [still imaginary] cat eating my eyeballs if I had died alone in my apartment and she was starving.)

## Will My Cat Miss Me

Ahhhh! Would you look at this? WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS?! I must have it.

This is the third book by the millennial mortician, and I've taken perverse glee in reading them all. *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* explains cremation and combats misconceptions about death; *From Here to Eternity* surveys death rituals from around the world. This new book seems to be aimed at (morbid) children, but for me it was more like one of those *New Scientist* books (*Why Don't Penguins Feet Freeze?*) or *Why Do Men Have Nipples?*

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Some of the questions are more serious than others, but with her usual punning wit and pop culture references Doughty gives biologically sound answers to them all. For instance, she explains what might happen to a corpse in space, why the hair and fingernails of a cadaver appear to keep growing, and why the quantity of ashes from a cremation is about the same no matter the dead person's girth (all the fat burns away; what would make your ashes weigh more is being taller and thus having longer bones). I was most interested in the chapter on why conjoined twins generally die at roughly the same time.

Doughty also discusses laws relating to the dead, such as "abuse of corpse" regulations and whether or not deaths at a property have to be reported to potential buyers (it depends on what state or country you live in); and what happens in countries that are literally running out of space for burials. In highly population-dense places like Singapore, but also in countries such as Germany, one is considered to "rent" grave space, which is then recycled after 15 years and the previous set of remains cremated. Or graves might get stacked vertically.

This is good fun, and features lots of cartoonishly gruesome black-and-white illustrations by Dianna Ruz. If you've got a particularly curious niece or nephew who might appreciate a dark sense of humor, this would make a good Christmas gift for one who is an older child or young teen.

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(Releases on the 10th [USA] / 19th [UK].) ...more

## Will My Cat Run Away

"What would happen if you died on a plane?

The flight attendant would open the plane's emergency door and toss your body out, attached to a parachute. Before you head out the door, they'd place a little card in your pocket that lists your name and address and says, "don't worry I'm already dead."

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If the fantastic title and cover won't win you over, the writing inside will definitely change your mind. This was interesting, wacky, and eye-opening. Caitlin has never steered us wrong... yet! ...more

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## Will My Cat Forgive Me

This was such a fun ride! Just like in the previous two books by Caitlin Doughty, the writing is hilarious and insightful at the same time, her style is very distinct and I love it. And even though this novel is directed towards a younger audience and obviously answers their questions, it's still a great read for adults as well. Overall, I'd really recommend checking out either this book or Caitlin's previous novels and don't forget about her YouTube channel! She's brilliant at what she does.

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Kids are weird, is what I learned, and they ask the best questions.

If you've watched the AskAMortician channel, most of the information in the book won't be new to you, but that's okay, because it's written so conversationally (and is so funny - the only highlights I made in the text were when I laughed to myself while laying in a dark living room, as seemed appropriate) that I didn't mind hearing it all over again. And it's definitely written in a way that kids would understand it, but I, a human adult who turns 31 next week, enjoyed it deeply, too.

The illustrations in this book are also gorgeous. The tiny caricatures of Caitlin and personified Death were so cute I want to get them as prints to hang up on my walls. Don't think I won't.

If you're a fan of Doughty's YouTube channel or enjoyed her other books, here's another one for you. It's short and sweet and certain to entertain the Deathling in all of us. ...more

## Will My Cat Kill A Kitten

What an incredibly delightful, if creepy, read! It's true that you can never predict what children will say, or in this case, ask; and those bizarre questions have led to a book that is both educational and chortling good. While I am disappointed that a flaming Viking ship is not in my funereal future, I'm somewhat relieved that my Gracie will probably nibble my lips away before going for my eyes. I'm not sure why that makes me feel better, but it does. Caitlin Doughty could go on indefinitely about a host of normally repulsive topics, and I would eat it all up. It should be added that Diane Ruiz's somewhat ghoulish artwork adds greatly to the macabre merriment. I offer a challenge: Pick up this book and read a paragraph. I'm betting that you won't put it down until you regretfully run out of pages.

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A different style than Doughty's last two books, but fascinating and much needed. ...more

## Will My Cats Ever Get Along

This book is a sincere look at death, written for children. Doughty writes about death with respectful humor that makes the topic more relatable to children, while giving information kids are curious about. They are learning about history and science while Doughty shares many of her personal anecdotes. All of this relays the information right back to the kids questions. Death is a fact of life and this book may help to remove some of the fears kids may harbor, while helping parents explain a ver This book is a sincere look at death, written for children. Doughty writes about death with respectful humor that makes the topic more relatable to children, while giving information kids are curious about. They are learning about history and science while Doughty shares many of her personal anecdotes. All of this relays the information right back to the kids questions. Death is a fact of life and this book may help to remove some of the fears kids may harbor, while helping parents explain a very touchy topic.

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My first Caitlin Doughty, and I can see why people love her. She's funny and irreverent but she's also deeply invested in the idea that people deserve to choose what happens to their bodies after the deaths, and that bodies should be treated with respect. Not a kids book, but lots of appeal for teens, fans of Mary Roach, and anyone with an interest in the slightly (or more than slightly) gross, totally fascinating human body.

## Will My Cat Ever Calm Down

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Brief chapters follow the questions that children have asked Doughty about death throughout her years both as a mortician, crematory operator, and youtube star of the "Ask a Mortician" channel. While the questions are from kids, the answers are aimed more at curious adults and teens. If you are interested in what happens to your body when you die, I highly recommend this book. It's scientific and hilarious.

Recommended by librarian Meagan