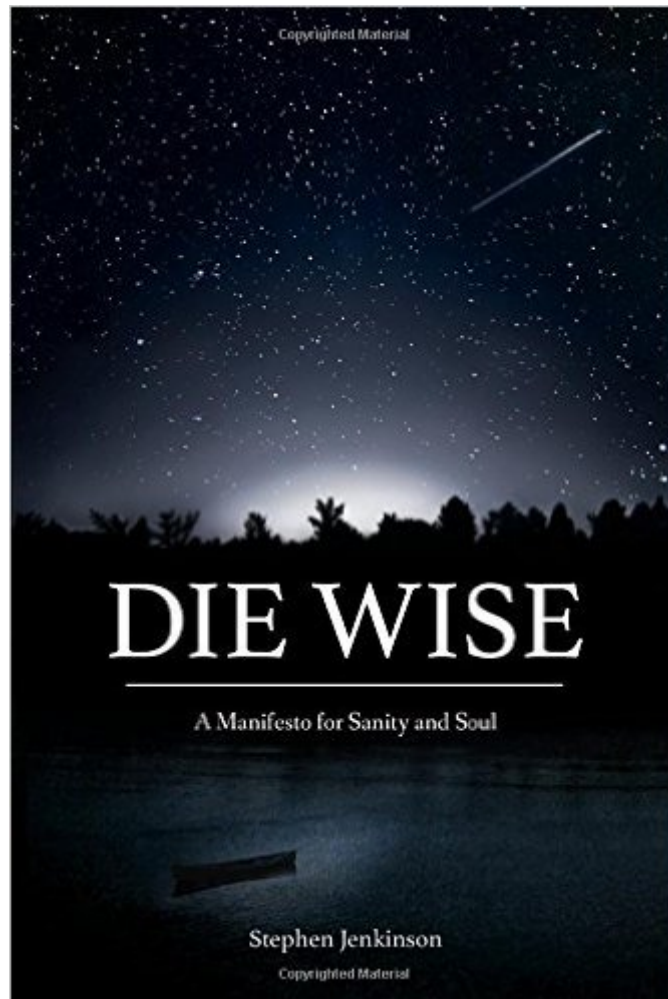


The book was found

Die Wise: A Manifesto For Sanity And Soul



Synopsis

Die Wise does not offer seven steps for coping with death. It does not suggest ways to make dying easier. It pours no honey to make the medicine go down. Instead, with lyrical prose, deep wisdom, and stories from his two decades of working with dying people and their families, Stephen Jenkinson places death at the center of the page and asks us to behold it in all its painful beauty. *Die Wise* teaches the skills of dying, skills that have to be learned in the course of living deeply and well. *Die Wise* is for those who will fail to live forever. Dying well, Jenkinson writes, is a right and responsibility of everyone. It is not a lifestyle option. It is a moral, political, and spiritual obligation each person owes their ancestors and their heirs. *Die Wise* dreams such a dream, and plots such an uprising. How we die, how we care for dying people, and how we carry our dead: this work makes our capacity for a village-mindedness, or breaks it.

Table of Contents

The Ordeal of a Managed Death

Stealing Meaning from Dying

The Tyrant Hope

The Quality of Life

Yes, But Not Like This

The Work

So Who Are the Dying to You?

Dying Facing Home

What Dying Asks of Us All

Kids

Ah, My Friend the Enemy

Book Information

Paperback: 416 pages

Publisher: North Atlantic Books (March 17, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1583949739

ISBN-13: 978-1583949733

Product Dimensions: 6 x 1.1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars See all reviews (68 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #67,090 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #101 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Death #138 in Books > Self-Help > Death & Grief > Grief & Bereavement #149 in Books > Self-Help > Relationships > Love & Loss

Customer Reviews

I very much wanted to like this book. I loved *The Smoke Gets In Your Eyes* and was hoping that this would be a great companion book on the important subject of America's death phobia from a different angle. So let's start with the good: the author clearly knows his subject. His deep commitment to it saturates the pages. He addresses some critical issues surrounding death, dying, and - importantly - struggling to die in our modern culture. He has good stories that have the

potential to movingly speak to the complications we've created for ourselves, and the horrible positions so many people find themselves in. The book has tremendous potential for power, depth, and impact. Unfortunately, it never achieves that potential. It was agonizingly slow to read and hard to process, because the author has an exceptionally idiosyncratic writing style (for lack of a better description). I read a lot, in many different genres, so I'm usually pretty good at adapting to an author's writing style. But here I found myself constantly re-reading sentences - not just twice, but four and five times trying to decipher what the author was saying. Sentences and paragraphs were set up in ways that, although technically grammatically acceptable, were extremely hard to follow, bouncing back and forth between people and subjects. Powerful lessons and subtle emphasis were completely obscured by unnecessarily hard to follow writing. Although everything was genuinely connected, and should have been woven seamlessly together as part of a larger picture, transitions were not smooth. The text didn't jump jaggedly from one topic to another so much as never clearly establish where you were or where you were going.

The excellently titled "Die Wise" by Stephen Jenkinson is a work of passion, poetic sensibility and high intelligence. So why only three stars: well, it may seem I quibble, but let me state my case. First, Jenkinson, despite his deeply rooted prose, tends to overwrite. If you had all the world and time, you could imagine yourself sitting down with an interesting and knowledgeable friend and discussing various aspects of life. All to the good. But let's face it: you're not a participant in this "discussion." You are an audience member. You have no input and are at the mercy of whatever the speaker (Jenkinson) wishes to throw into the mix. If he takes a left turn and you want to go right, too bad. For example, he announces that he will tell a story. Fine. But more than 29 lines later he is still telling you what a story is, what it stands for, how it changes, matters and expresses. In delightful prose, perhaps, but somewhat off the point of the book. Here is a lovely part of it, though: " . . . stories that can only be told when the land sleeps under snow, when the saplings snap, when the night sky is so blue black that the stars are like ragged holes dug through from the other side to let the light of the Other World into this one for a time." See what I mean? Glorious, but off the mark. Second, he tends to objectify medical personnel, using them to make his point without regard to their humanity. Perhaps he doesn't mean to do this, but it comes across that way. Third, somebody, either Jenkinson or someone at North Atlantic Books made the really stupid decision to print the book in small, gray print. I can't tell you how difficult it is to read! My eyes were aching and watering after 25 pages.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Die Wise: A Manifesto for Sanity and Soul Our Immoral Soul: A Manifesto of Spiritual Disobedience
Soul Mates & Twin Flames: Discover a Timeless Love, Fulfill Your Soul's Purpose, and Experience
a Higher Level of Love (Soul Mates, Twin Flames, Karmic ... Spirits, Endless Love, Spiritual Partner)
Racing Die-Cast Collectibles : The Industry's Most Comprehensive Pricing and Checklists of
Die-Cast Cars and Accessories Beckett Racing Collectibles & Die-Cast Price Guide (Beckett Racing
Collectibles and Die-Cast Price Guide) Standard Catalog Of Die-Cast Vehicles: Identification And
Values, Revised Edition (Standard Catalog of Die-Cast Vehicles) Eat, Pray, Die (An Eat, Pray, Die
Humorous Mystery Book 1) 1,000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die (1,000... Before You Die
Books) One Teacher: Jesus' Teaching Role in Matthew's Gospel Report (Beihefte zur Zeitschrift fur
die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der Alteren Kirche) What Every Woman Should
Know About Divorce and Custody (Rev): Judges, Lawyers, and Therapists Share Winning
Strategies onHow toKeep the Kids, the Cash, and Your Sanity Running and Walking for Women
Over 40 : The Road to Sanity and Vanity The Inmates Are Running the Asylum: Why High Tech
Products Drive Us Crazy and How to Restore the Sanity (2nd Edition) Articulating Design Decisions:
Communicate with Stakeholders, Keep Your Sanity, and Deliver the Best User Experience The \$64
Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis
in the Quest for the Perfect Garden How To Build Your Dream Home Without Getting Nailed!: Save
Your Time, Money, Sanity and Relationships The Myth of Sanity: Divided Consciousness and the
Promise of Awareness The Divided Self: An Existential Study in Sanity and Madness (Penguin
Psychology) Sanity, Madness and the Family: Families of Schizophrenics (Pelican) Finding Sanity:
John Cade, lithium and the taming of bipolar disorder When Your Ex Doesn't Follow the Rules:
Keep Your Sanity and Raise Happy, Healthy Kids

[Dmca](#)