

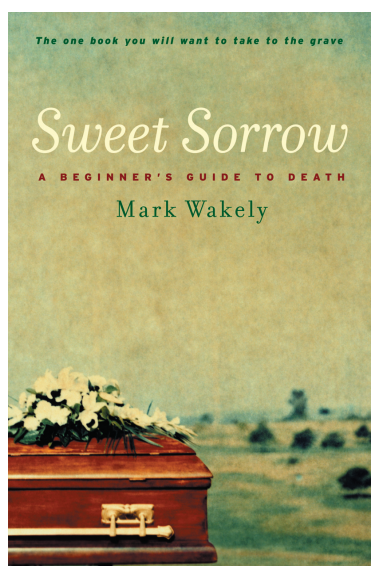
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A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO DEATH

by Mark Wakely

This remarkable book—at times heart-breaking, at times humorous—is dazzling for its profound honesty.

Like most of us, Mark Wakely had always put death in the too-hard basket. Around death he was painfully awkward, strangely self-conscious: death-shy. He was curiously distanced from his own parents' deaths. Thirty years later, he went on a journey to confront one of the most intensely personal yet universal experiences: our own mortality.

With Mark as our guide, we are introduced to morticians and embalmers, rabbis and doctors, coffin makers and gravediggers. He reveals the fashions and the fads, the rituals and the deep emotion in a heartfelt and whimsical investigation into this timeless subject.

All you need to pack for the trip is a curiosity about life.

Mark Wakely is a Sydney-based writer, and a journalist with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Radio National. His first book, *Dream Home*—a reflection on domestic architecture and the meaning of home—was short-listed for the 2004 NSW Premier's Literary Award for non-fiction.

Mark has spent 25 years as a journalist in print and radio. At ABC Radio National over the past decade he has specialised in architecture and design as founding producer of the award-winning program *The Comfort Zone* and then *By Design*.