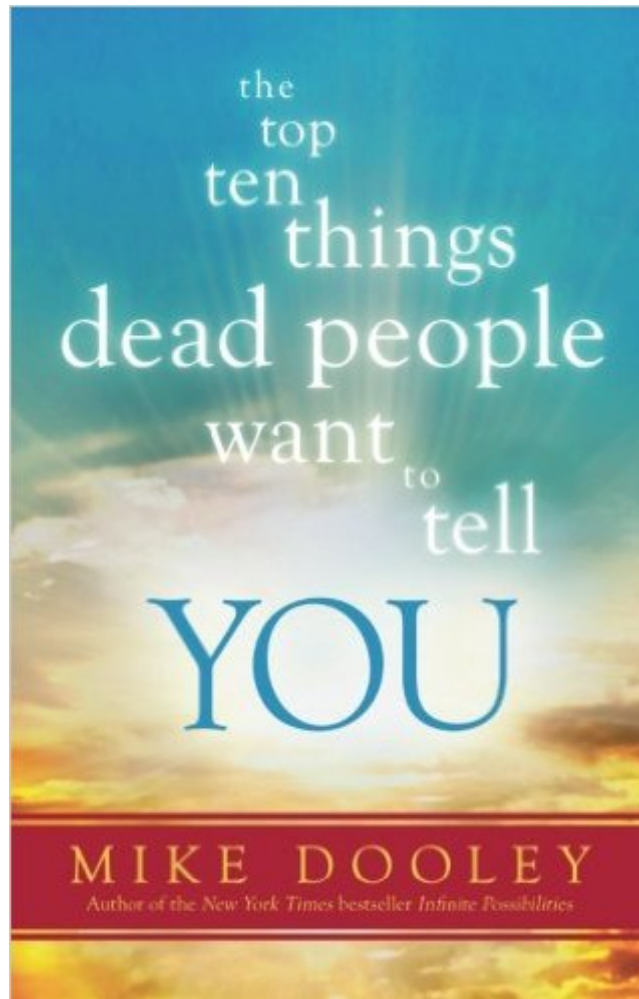


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The Top Ten Things Dead People Want To Tell YOU



Synopsis

Do you know this may come as a shock, and you know I'm not fond of using stale one-liners, but reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated. I'm as alive now as I was on the day we met, except, maybe, more so. If the dead could speak, don't you wonder what they would say to those of us they've left behind? What would they tell us to soothe our sorrow for their loss, calm our fears of what happens when we die, and fire us up to live the best possible lives we can right now? In pages filled with wisdom, humor, and, yes, joy, New York Times best-selling author Mike Dooley explores our most pressing and profound questions about the afterlife and this life from the fresh perspective of those who have made the transition to the next phase. Among the revelations and insights they share: We were ready; you are not. There's no such thing as a devil or hell. We're sorry for any pain we may have caused. Your pets are just as crazy, brilliant, and loving here as they were there. Nothing we say can prepare you for the beauty of the moment you arrive. You'll learn that our loved ones are not lost to us; that our time on earth is both a school and an adventure; that, all appearances to the contrary, life truly is fair; and that we have it in us to reshape our own fortunes, starting today.

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Customer Reviews

I give this 3 stars, because it resonated with me about 3/5 of the time. The earlier chapters were a refreshing take on the "you are what you think" philosophy a la The Secret. I enjoy Mike's take much more than the Secret, which I found to be too kumbaya/woo woo and focused on material

abundance. Even though I have heard similar ideas before, I really enjoyed Mike's approach and I think it was correct to have him read his own book in the audio CD version I purchased. However, the later chapters started to get a little too preachy/cultish for me. It went from "you are what you think" to "it's all you're own fault that you have a crummy life". In particular, the final chapter sounded a lot like the proselytizing of organized religion (which Mike bashes repeatedly throughout the book in an offhand way) in that he repeatedly talks about people "not being ready to hear the message". Along the lines of, if you disagree with us, you just haven't seen the light. Classic approach of organized religion and cults for millennia. I've been a reader of TUT daily emails for over a year now and enjoy them immensely, but Mike lost me on much of the later material. In particular, the discussion about true evil in the world not existing was a bit hard to swallow. For example, it's hard for me to imagine that the soul of a 4 year old girl that is brutally molested and murdered (my example, not Mike's) somehow came back to Earth to have that be her experience. Also, there is a limit to "thoughts become things". Mike does present some practical reasoning about this. He mentions that just because you think about something all of the time, it doesn't guarantee it will happen in this lifetime or in the way you think about this.

THE TOP TEN THINGS THAT DEAD PEOPLE NEED TO TELL YOU is mistitled. It is not about the messages from another plane channeled by psychics, or from people who have briefly died and had actual after-death experiences. In fact, the book might have been more accurately titled NEW AGE THINKING FOR DUMMIES, for indeed that's what it is. I don't mean to imply that there is not some (probably) valid information about the next plane in this book - although of course, no one can know for sure. But the manner in which author Mike Dooley imparts these teachings - a compilation of new age thinking he has gleaned from dozens of sources, without crediting the sources - is seriously flawed. Personally, I also found his conversational writing style grating - a combination of condescending, artificially hip, and "mickey mouse". I read every word in the book, but his invention of many fake cheery "letters from the dead" as well as some of his sentences made me cringe, and yearn for meat and potatoes rather than more whipped cream and marshmallow: "As you stir in thoughts, winds begin to howl." "As you smile, waves of love lap upon eternal beaches." "Dearest darling, those who have passed see better than ever that dreams really can come true." Gag. And I am a romantic, with a deeply spiritual approach to life and belief in reincarnation - but not a fondness for saccharine cliches. I also don't believe that evil does not exist, and that everything that happens to us is a result of our thoughts or part of some benign cosmic plan. What about natural laws? Chaos theory? The uncertainty principle? What about genocide, concentration camps,

torture, rape? According to Dooley, people really choose to be victims of such atrocities.

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