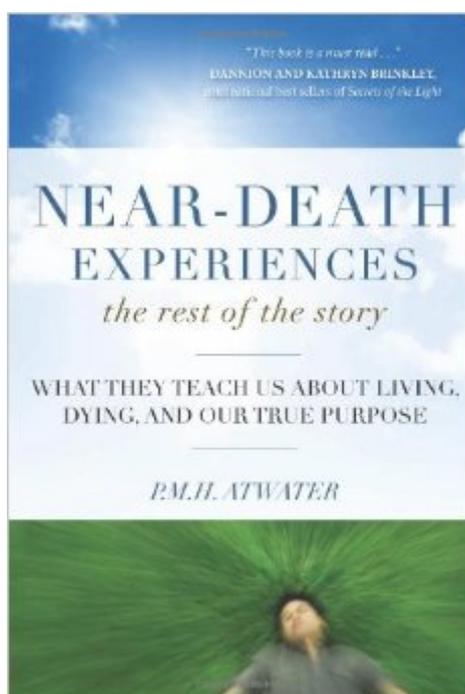


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Near-Death Experiences, The Rest Of The Story: What They Teach Us About Living And Dying And Our True Purpose



Synopsis

Real-life stories of out-of-body experiences, encountering a special light, greeters from the afterlife, life reviews, tunnels, and 360-degree vision--are all part of this intriguing look at near-death experiences (NDEs) by one of the world's noted authorities, P.M.H. Atwater. Atwater shares her amazing findings, based on her sessions with more than 4,000 adults and children, and over 40 years of research; a breathtaking culmination to a successful and controversial career. Atwater examines every aspect of the near-death phenomenon: from first-hand accounts of survivors experiencing flash forwards, waking up in morgues, and developing psychic abilities, to stunning cases of groups experiencing NDEs together. Atwater offers statistics from her findings to show the distinctive common patterns that people experience, as well as the common aftereffects and how it changed their lives. She also explores the physiological and spiritual changes that result from near-death experiences and looks at the connections between the NDE experience and what is often called "enlightenment." Near Death Experiences provides a glimpse of not only what lies beyond the veil of our temporal existence, but points to what--or who--we really are and what we are meant to be.

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Customer Reviews

It's a good thing PMH Atwater isn't running for public office. She simply isn't "sound bite-able". Sure, there's a lot of things that she can be quoted on, but PMH (her legal first name) cannot be squeezed into an intellectual fast food take-out box. Many near death researchers, such as Bruce Greyson, Nancy Evans-Bush, Sam Parnia and Janice Holden have strict social laboratory protocols, and are

careful with their conclusions. Their research is indispensable, as it gives scientific credibility to the subject. Others, such as Jeffery Long and Melvin Morse may be a little loose with their methodology, and have a tendency to draw fast conclusions, but they are wonderful NDE popularizers - they know how to grip the general public's interest. PMH is a whole new ballgame. She conducts her research using vigorous police forensic techniques that she was introduced to by her police detective Father. She interviews subjects, looks at physical data, and double-checks herself to get an accurate, yet warmly human body of evidence. Call it the "high I.Q. common sense" approach. Also, a lot of popular NDE researchers have pedigreed professional suffixes such as PhD, MD, Ed.D and the like. Although she gets criticized for her LHD and virtual mountain of accredited and "unaccredited" courses and college degrees, PMH Atwater has the ultimate professional suffix - N.D.E. Other than Nancy Evans-Bush, she is the only professionally recognized near death researcher that I'm aware of who can stand on this bedrock of inside knowledge.

I bought this book from a week ago. This is the sixth of P.M.H. Atwater's books that I have read and with each book her claims become more definitive and all inclusive. The subtitle of this book is no exception. It proclaims that this book is the Rest of the Story of the Near-Death Experience and that it will tell the reader what the Near-Death Experience teaches us about living, dying, and our true purpose. Wow! I wish. The author states in the book that it is the result of 43 years of research involving nearly seven thousand adults and children. Later in the book she notes that the primary source for the data she cites in the book comes from 3,000 adults and 277 child experiencers. She seems to feel that large numbers are evidence in and of themselves that sheer numbers will convince the reader to accept what she says. The "fact" that she has in-depth materials from 3,000 adults and 277 children apparently justifies the claims reported in the book. It doesn't. I wrote a detailed review of the book she wrote on child ND experiencers (Children of the New Millennium) and discovered that although she claimed to have 277 children in her research population, in fact she only had detailed information on 44 children or 18% of the 277 she claimed. Based on this tiny population she made sweeping claims on how having an NDE as a child altered the child in very significant ways and that these children are forerunners of sweeping changes in the human population. Now that is a startling claim. But I could not see how or why the claim had any validity as she knew nothing about the child before the experience. Furthermore, most were under five years of age at the time of their particular experience.

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