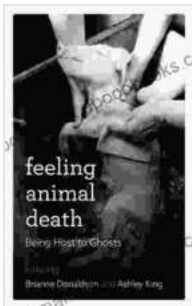


# Feeling Animal Death: Being Host to Ghosts



In her book, *Feeling Animal Death: Being Host to Ghosts*, Kate Inglis explores the complex and often taboo subject of animal death. Drawing on her own experiences as a veterinarian and animal lover, Inglis offers a deeply personal and moving account of the grief and loss that can accompany the death of a beloved animal.



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by Brianne Donaldson

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Inglis argues that animals are not simply possessions or objects, but rather sentient beings who have their own unique personalities and emotions. As such, their death can be a profound and traumatic experience for those who loved them.

Through a series of intimate and evocative essays, Inglis explores the many different ways that people grieve the death of an animal. She writes about the pain of losing a pet, the guilt and regret that can accompany the decision to euthanize an animal, and the strange and unexpected ways that animals can continue to haunt our lives after they are gone.

## **Personal Experiences**

Inglis's book is particularly powerful because it is so deeply personal. She draws on her own experiences as a veterinarian and animal lover to offer a unique and compassionate perspective on the subject of animal death.

In one essay, Inglis writes about the death of her beloved dog, Lucy. She describes the pain and grief she felt in the wake of Lucy's death, and the way that she struggled to come to terms with her loss.

In another essay, Inglis writes about the guilt and regret she felt after making the decision to euthanize her cat, Max. She describes the difficult process of weighing the pros and cons of euthanasia, and the ultimately agonizing decision to end Max's life.

Inglis's personal experiences give her book a depth and authenticity that is often lacking in other books on the subject of animal death. She writes with

a raw and honest voice that will resonate with anyone who has ever loved and lost an animal.

## **Cultural Perspectives**

In addition to her own personal experiences, Inglis also explores the cultural perspectives on animal death. She looks at the different ways that different cultures have dealt with the death of animals, from the ancient Egyptians who mummified their pets to the modern-day pet cemeteries that are found in many countries around the world.

Inglis argues that our cultural attitudes towards animal death can have a profound impact on the way that we grieve the loss of a beloved animal. She challenges the traditional Western view of animals as mere property, and argues that we need to develop a more compassionate and respectful understanding of the human-animal bond.

*Feeling Animal Death: Being Host to Ghosts* is a powerful and moving book that explores the complex and often taboo subject of animal death. Drawing on her own experiences as a veterinarian and animal lover, Kate Inglis offers a deeply personal and compassionate account of the grief and loss that can accompany the death of a beloved animal.

Inglis's book is a valuable resource for anyone who has ever loved and lost an animal. It is a book that will help you to understand the grieving process, and to come to terms with the loss of your beloved companion.

## **Reviews**

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