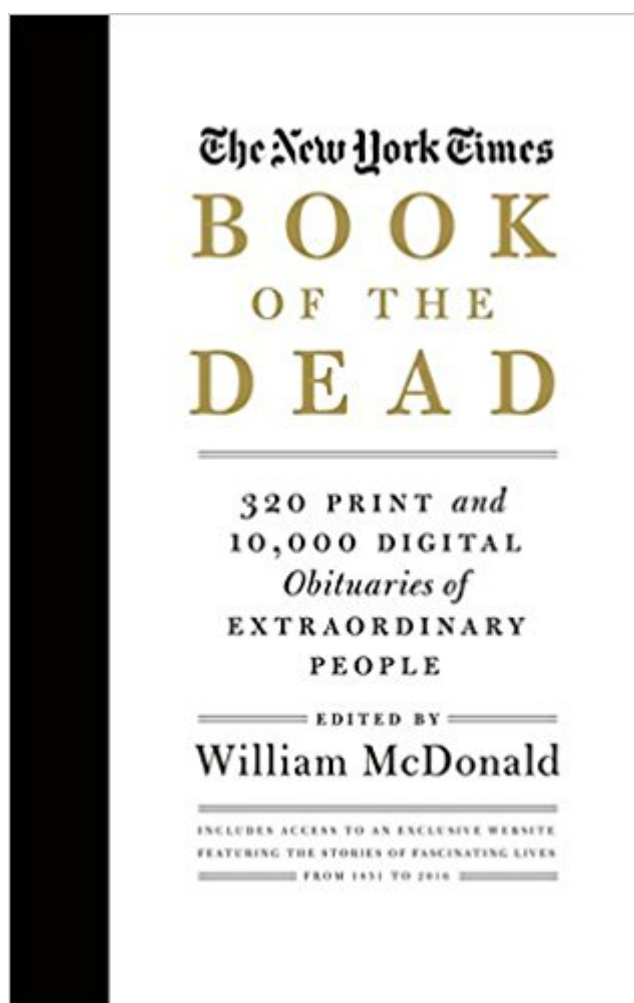


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The New York Times Book Of The Dead: 320 Print And 10,000 Digital Obituaries Of Extraordinary People



Synopsis

The obituary page of The New York Times is a celebration of extraordinary lives. This groundbreaking package includes 300 obits in the book with exclusive online access to 10,000 more of the most important and fascinating obituaries the Times has ever published. The obituary page is the section many readers first turn to not only see who died, but to read some of the most inspiring, insightful, often funny, and elegantly written stories celebrating the lives of the men and women who have influenced on our world. William McDonald, The Times' obituary editor who was recently featured in the award-winning documentary *Obit*, selected 320 of the most important and influential obits from the newspaper's archives. In chapters like "Stage and Screen," "Titans of Business," "The Notorious," "Scientists and Healers," "Athletes," and "American Leaders," the entries include a wide variety of newsmakers from the last century and a half, including Annie Oakley, Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, Marilyn Monroe, Coco Chanel, Malcolm X, Jackie Robinson and Prince. Also included is a web-key which allows instant access to an exclusive website featuring 10,000 selected obituaries which are easily searchable by name, theme, dates, and more. Designed with more than 150 black-and-white photographs, this tomb-sized book plus website package is the perfect gift.

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A black-and-white volume that captures the essence of The New York Times obituary: superbly researched pieces of history that retain the immediacy of it-just-happened...A must for the history enthusiast. [The Seattle Times](#)

Bill McDonald has been the obituaries editor for The New York Times since 2006. A former editor at Newsday on Long Island, joined the New York Times in 1988 and has held numerous positions at the paper including copy chief of the national news desk, assistant national editor, deputy editor of Arts & Leisure and deputy culture editor. He was part of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting in 2000 for the series, "How Race Is Lived in America". He is married and lives in Manhattan. The New York Times is regarded as the world's preeminent newspaper. Its news coverage is known for its exceptional depth and breadth, with reporting bureaus throughout the United States and in 26 foreign countries.

I bought this as a birthday present for my father who reads the obits everyday. He totally loves it. The webkey is a cool plus and the website is really easy to use. Highly recommended.

If you are a lover of history and writing then this book is a must have. You can see how writing has changed over time by the obituaries that are written. Great men and women of each era are celebrated within its pages, opening up new worlds of information, knowledge, and majesty.

It was a great gift...the talk of the Christmas party. I peeked before I gave it...I could have read it for hours.

I heard the editor, William McDonald, on Here & Now the other day. It was a really good interview and I immediately ordered a copy of this book. I've only just started to dive in -- it's huge -- but the selection people is very intriguing. And the writing is so well-done. Here's a line from Mark Twain's obituary: The family was called and gathered about the bedside watching in silence which was long unbroken. It was the end. At 22 minutes past 6, with the sunlight just turning red as it stole into the window, in perfect silence he breathed his last. He was in his 75th year. I haven't yet accessed the exclusive website that is part of the package.

Awesome book! Very unique and in pristine condition. Thank you

This book is super for people like me who love reading The New York Times obits!

This is about as good as it gets: History in the form of NYTimes obituaries, going back to the early

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