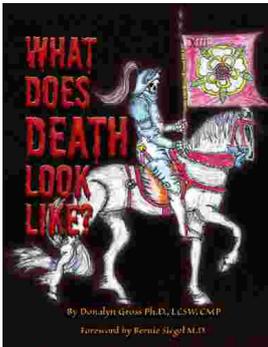


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I am so thankful that someone has taken up the standard of asking people to render what they think death looks like on paper. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and Bernie Siegel have brought forth immense work in this area. While I do not know Bernie - except through his books - I know he values this collection of images as he has crafted a wonderful forward for Donalyn's book. But, Elisabeth was a good friend, and I can be sure she would have loved seeing the collection and pausing over each drawing to reflect. There are few collections of images on death from individual peoples' perceptions. But, you cannot help but look long and hard at them when you find them. I have seen images drawn and painted by children from our therapeutic work in residential treatment, from hospice patients, and from hospice staff. Every time I am given the grace to see what people have to bring forth from their center, I am convinced that art is truly a window into being and soulfulness. Art reveals unknown inner wealth. Donalyn Gross has gathered together windows onto vistas of grandeur and austerity both. Asking the participants of her death, dying, and bereavement classes and workshops to draw death is all she had to do, and this rich collection of depth was produced. Some images are filled with peace, others with blanched starkness, still others with a riveting calm. Each will draw you out into a desire to feel your own soul for what it believes it holds to be its very own unique image of death. The book is divided into the sections: Death as Sorrow, Death as Confusion, Death as Spirituality and Faith, Death as Hope and Healing. You need to order it and take a long hard look at the gems of perception that adorn the pages. You will be amazed at the raw and uncomplicated drawings of some, and the refined and intuitive renditions of others. The human family is peopled with those who have given thought and feeling to this end we all shall face called death; and it is equally peopled with those who cast their eyes aside and do not - cannot look - look on this our natural end. Pick up this book and discover both ends and every place in between. Then, make up your own heart and mind: What Does Death Look Like? Thank you Donalyn for this touching and sacred collection. And, for your work.

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