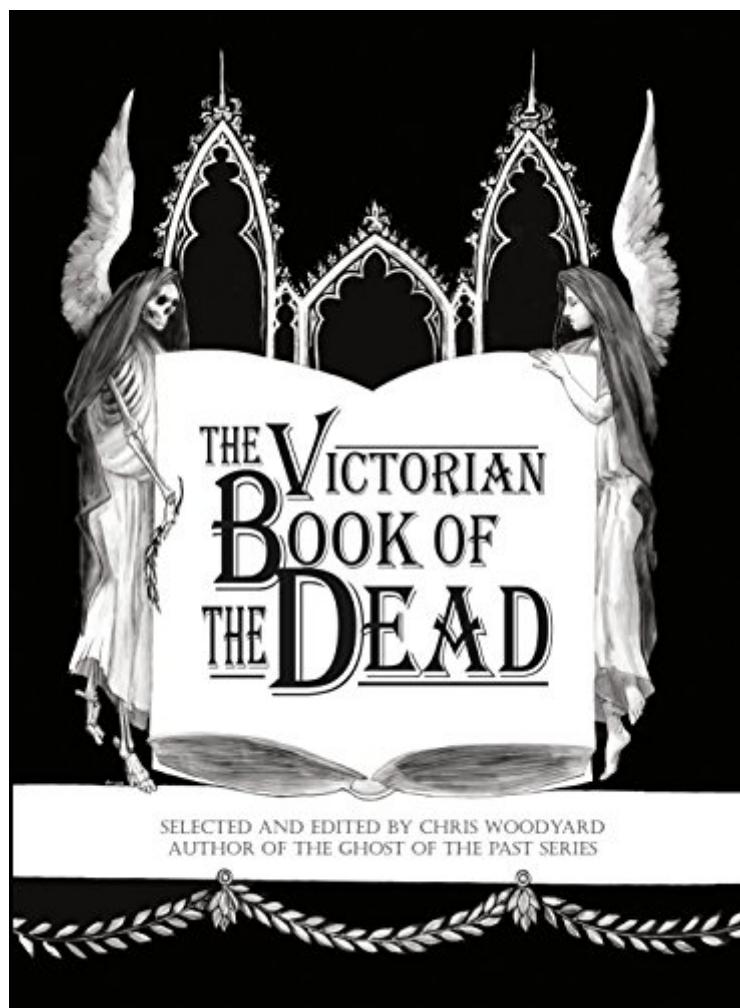


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This is a wonderful book for all of us who are interested in what life was like in the Victorian Era, and also for those of us interested in the Victorians' obsession with death. As someone who loves to visit cemeteries, I have enjoyed learning more about them and the people who took the custom of

mourning for lost loved ones very seriously.

We read this in my online book club (Goth Girl Book Club on facebook) and everybody is LOVING IT! This has been, by far, the most participation we've ever had from members. I love the bite-sized stories, some are quite fascinating. I mean, Gas Fiend Parrot? What a story!! Highly recommended for teens and adults who are into the macabre, victorian history, and ghost stories!!

I do a Civil War interpretation of a widow, and found this a great reference.

This book is so cool! Full of macabre, fascinating, and weird stories. I've had many guests pick up this book and read a few because it definitely catches the eye and piques interest. Very happy with this purchase

Before I wrapped this book for my mom as a Xmas/Hanukkah gift I read parts of it and I have to say that every bit I read was incredibly interesting. My mother is in the middle of reading this book, and a few days ago I asked her how she liked it. Her answer was pretty much my own sentiment. It's about a \$20 book, but it's large, thick, and filled with fascinating chapters explaining in depth the culture and practices regarding death in the Nineteenth century. I definitely recommend.

Very informative, a little dry at times but had great eyewitness descriptions and stories from that time period.

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