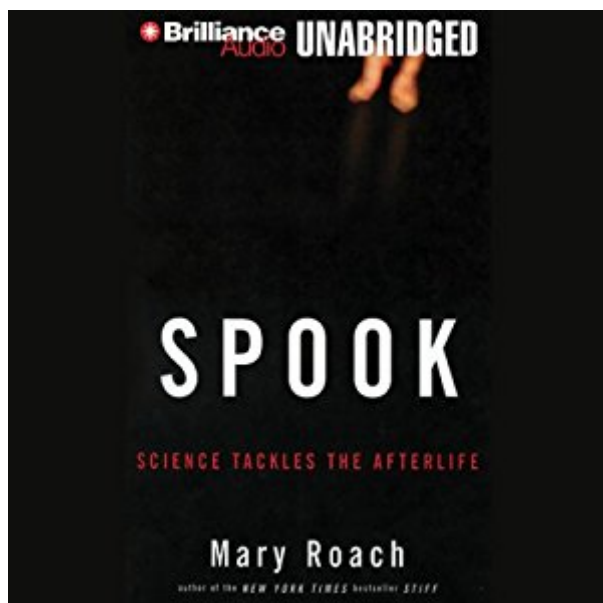


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# Spook: Science Tackles The Afterlife



## Synopsis

“What happens when we die? Does the light just go out and that’s that the million-year nap? Or will some part of my personality, my me-ness persist? What will that feel like? What will I do all day? Is there a place to plug in my laptop?” In an attempt to find out, Mary Roach brings her tireless curiosity to bear on an array of contemporary and historical soul-searchers: scientists, schemers, engineers, mediums, all trying to prove (or disprove) that life goes on after we die. She begins the journey in rural India with a reincarnation researcher and ends up in a University of Virginia operating room where cardiologists have installed equipment near the ceiling to study out-of-body near-death experiences. Along the way, she enrolls in an English medium school, gets electromagnetically haunted at a university in Ontario, and visits a Duke University professor with a plan to weigh the consciousness of a leech. Her historical wanderings unearth soul-seeking philosophers who rummaged through cadavers and calves’ heads, a North Carolina lawsuit that established legal precedence for ghosts, and the last surviving sample of ectoplasm in a Cambridge University archive. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Not up to her usual standards. I probably won't read another Mary Roach book as she (or her stable of writers) seems to be just churning out poorer quality research.

I have read two of Mary Roach's other books, *Stiff* and *Packing For Mars*. Her style is witty and amusing, and *Packing* in particular was fascinating. I was a little disappointed in this one, perhaps because I wanted her to come to some sort of definitive conclusion. It's certainly difficult subject matter. I don't know that I would recommend this book...if you're trying to find a metaphysical answer in it you will likely be disappointed. I gave it three stars because I enjoy the author's writing style so much.

I enjoyed this book very much and it made me Think about The after life and what will happen after The curtain comes down and The show is over.

A fascinating scientific journey through spirituality. I LOVED this book!

This is just pure entertainment. Mary Roach disguises her non-fiction as fiction so that you learn things without realizing it. I'm amazed at how thoroughly she delves into her subjects, both the topics and the people she interviews. I find myself laughing out loud at topics that normally should be both serious and morbid as she turns them inside out to show us how they are really structured; often very different from how we perceive them in our daily lives. Also she takes on things we don't often admit, even to ourselves, that we are interested in. So if you want a fun ride and pick up some unusual information along the way, then pick up this book, as well as her others (this was my second one of hers I've read, *Stiff* being the first).

I love Mary Roach, she never disappoints. She has created another highly interesting non-fiction that is full of humor and good information. This book gives you a lot to think about and she does a really good job as an author of keeping biases out of while still keeping her personality in.

This is the 3rd audiobook by Mary Roach I have listened to and I really enjoyed this one. It did not proceed in the direction I expected, but that certainly kept things interesting. I was expecting more about ghost hunting issues and not so much psychics and post death experiences, but the information was both informative and entertaining.

I was disappointed. This really didn't deliver what I thought it would. I hoped for a scientific explanation of some of the things about death that people don't discuss, don't understand. I didn't get that -- just a kind of desultory interviewing of some supposed experts and scientists.

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