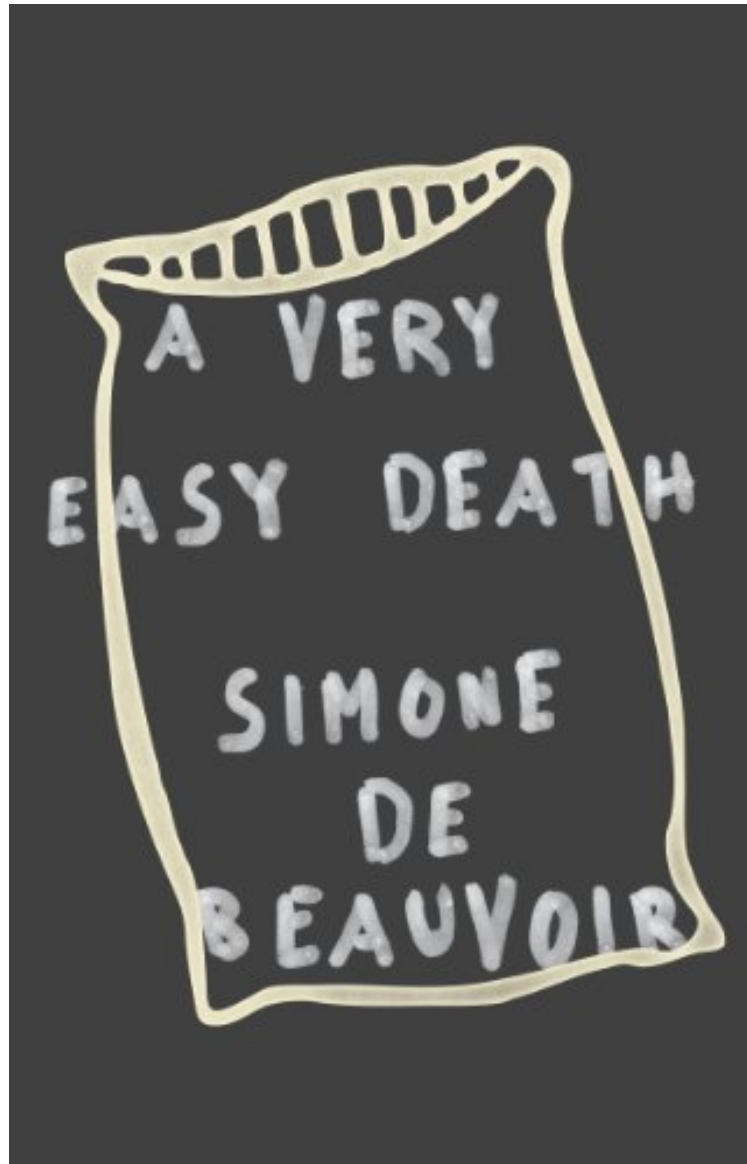


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Von Simone De Beauvoir : A Very Easy Death (Pantheon Modern Writers Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Very Easy Death (Pantheon Modern Writers Series):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An eye-opening experience of losing a mother to cancerVon kgaudett@u.washington.eduDeBeauvoir writes so that each word

holds as much importance as each drip of life-sustaining solution pulsing into her mother's withering limbs. *A Very Easy Death* leads readers through the changing labyrinth of emotions surrounding the graphically-described death of the author's mother while undergoing care in Paris. On eloquent display is DeBeauvoir's heartache, anger, and confusion regarding the painful treatment of her cancer-ridden mother by two unrelenting doctors. Readers become DeBeauvoir's confidants, as through her torment she reveals her questioning of religion and the human body, as well as society and class issues. An expressive tale that challenges and explores cultural perspectives on death and dying. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An eloquent and realistic documentary on the topic of death. Von Ein Kunde This book was recommended to me after I lost my mother to cancer. The writer, also an adult who lost her mother to cancer, very eloquently describes her conflicts in feelings as her mother's life slips away. These feelings are no doubt those experienced by many adult daughters. This is a must-read for anyone wishing to more fully understand the special feelings between a dying mother and her adult daughters. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well written but ... Von M. J. Smith I have recently read Duras' *No More* and Ernaux's *I Remain in Darkness* (both of which I recommend) so when I saw *A Very Easy Death* I picked it up to read as another take on death. I was disappointed. Beauvoir writes well - it is sheer pleasure to read some of the descriptive passages where she selects just the right details to set the physical and emotional scenes. Her self-revelation of her surprise at her emotions is often poignant. However, two aspects of the book disturb me. First, Beauvoir writes as if she knew well what her mother was thinking and assumes that the deception of her Mother worked. Given the number of death images in the mother's dreams and given her gradual detachment from the external world, I suspect that her mother knew she was dying but did not wish to confront her daughters regarding the deception. Beauvoir writes touchingly of the long standing riff between she and her mother - their lack of mutual understanding - then asks me to trust her interpretation of her mother's frame of mind in her last days. A bit more of a stretch than I care to grant. The second aspect of the book that disturbs me is the ease with which Beauvoir slots particular events into general intellectual categories. For example, when the doctor's exhibit a bad bedside manner, she writes "I bristled when the privileged classes spoke ...". The book is an interesting reflection on the perceptions and self-examination of the author. It could well be comforting to others going through similar situations. Read it if it appeals, but don't put on any must read list.

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