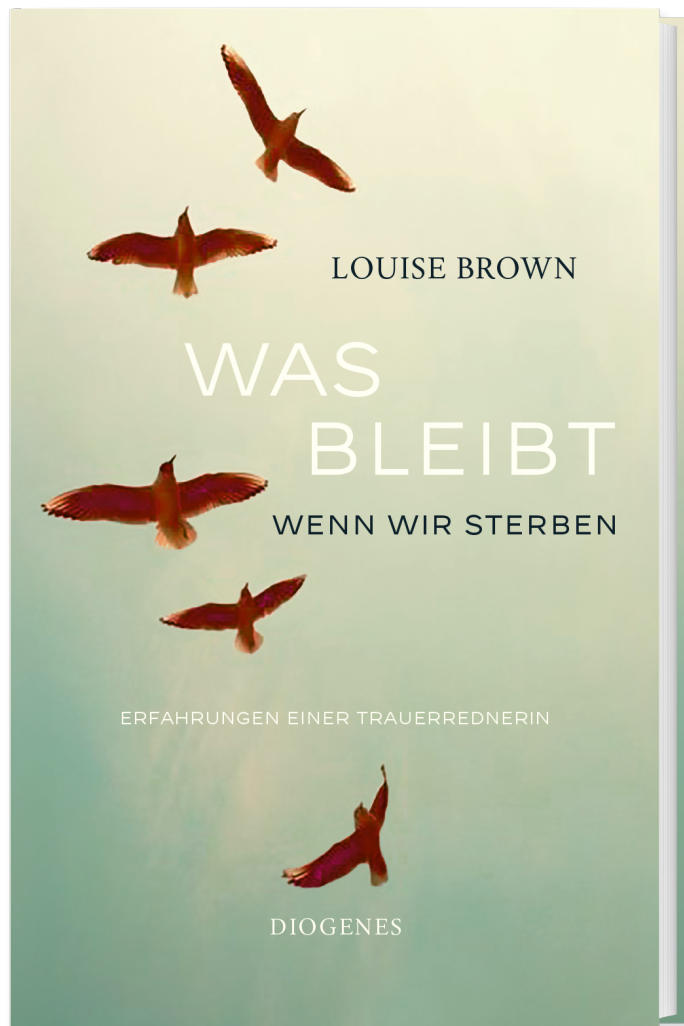


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What Remains When We Die

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After the death of her parents, the journalist Louise Brown tries to extract something meaningful from the finitude of life. She becomes a funeral orator, and a witness to what remains of us when we die. This alters her perspective not only on death, but on life too. She gifts us with unforgettable images, reminding us of what makes us human. A reassuring and liberating book which encourages the reader to focus on the things that matter in life.

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»Brown dispenses with guidebook-like elements. She shows ways of coping with grief that should offer comfort to those struggling.«
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