

Louise Brown

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»This is a sad read, but a comforting one too.«
– Berliner Morgenpost, Berlin

»The author employs stories about the deceased in order to demonstrate – using humour too – that grief doesn't always have to be sententious and sedate.« – Jan Sting / Kölnische Rundschau, Cologne

»A tribute to the power of words, and a compassionate appeal to think about death.«
– Isabelle Auerbach / Bayern 2, Munich

»Brown dispenses with guidebook-like elements. She shows ways of coping with grief that should offer comfort to those struggling.«
– Nathalie Zeindler / Weltwoche, Zurich

»Rather than hitting a sad note, this book is confidently upbeat.« – Matthias Schmoock / Hamburger Abendblatt, Hamburg

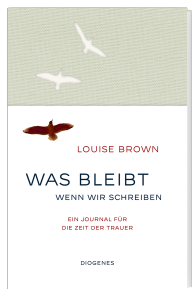
After the death of her parents, the journalist Louise Brown tries to extract something meaningful from the finitude of life. She becomes a funeral orator, and a witness to what remains of us when we die. This alters her perspective not only on death, but on life too. She gifts us with unforgettable images, 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.



Louise Brown, born in London in 1975, moved with her family to East Holstein in northern Germany as a teenager. She studied political science in northern England, Kiel and Berlin. She is a journalist and has also been a funeral orator in Hamburg for several years, where she facilitates the first ›Death Café‹. In her podcast *My Perfect Burial* she talks to people about how they want to say their goodbyes. Louise Brown lives in Hamburg with her partner, two children and a dog.



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