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In his acclaimed bestseller Talking to Heaven, renowned medium James Van Praagh conveyed the message that death is not the end. Now he shows us how lessons from the realms beyond death can also teach us to infuse our earthly lives with strength, joy, and love....

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Lynn says

This is an old book from my bookshelf from 2010. I should have read it together with my Rita Rogers books. They're quite similar. I am glad I read it now, and may pick up another one. I like how he gives us glimpses of life thereafter.

Marianne Jay says

This book is a must read for anyone who has lost a loved one, who misses a loved one, who is in any way, shape or form, wondering what happens to your loved ones after death.

I have always said that I am a combination of Catholic, Buddhist, Pagan, and New Thought. This book encompasses all that and then some.

Heaven is an actual place and it is beautiful.....you are cared for andjust WOW.

Jennifer B. says

This book is obviously for people who are open to the possibilities of an afterlife, and what that might be like. Besides that, it also offers a lot of general advice on how to live our lives today without worrying about what comes next, which can be comforting to anyone, no matter what their beliefs.

Sue J says

Much of this book was uplifting. James Van Praeger is a medium, and he has helped many people with unresolved issues.

However, there were portions that I cannot reconcile in my mind. None of us really KNOWS what is to come. Some of the concepts were difficult for me to reconcile.

All in all, it was a unique view of the afterlife.

Lisa Nienhaus says

I really enjoyed this book. The author has a good way of explaining things to people who are just learning about this topic. He actually covers a wide range of topics in this book. The author answers a lot of questions people wonder about death and heaven and continues on to relay common messages from spirit as brought through in the readings he has done as a medium. Good book, I enjoyed it.

Chandler says

It was a solid book, and a decent introduction. The author seemed to be talking like he would to a child. Which, under the circumstances of how basic this book is, makes sense. It is great for someone just getting in to spirituality, or even someone more advanced trying to expand there mind a bit and get a lot of refreshers. But, if your looking for a book speaking of the mystical worlds and complex theories of duality , heaven, and mind states, i wouldn't recommend it .

Ronaldo says

As 100 primeiras páginas são bem técnicas e didáticas para quem nunca teve contato com o espiritismo. As páginas subsequentes são inspiradoras e trazem boas reflexões para nós! Quem está buscando mais sentido na vida é altamente recomendável a leitura!

The first 100 pages are very technical and educational for those who never had contact with spiritualism. Subsequent pages are inspiring and bring good thoughts for us! Who is looking for more meaning in life this reading is highly recommended!

Hulda Rós says

well written, information in this one fits with other information i've gotten in the past

Jamila says

I am not sure how much into James Van Praagh as a psychic/medium I am but I picked this book up in 2006 after the untimely death of a best friend. The book did help me at the time cope with his death.

If you have lost a loved one and grieved their death and question the afterlife, read this book. It was truly an inspiring book, easy-to-read, informative, and concise. Just what I needed at the time.

M says

Completed abridged audio version (2 Tapes). It is impossible to tell whether mediums like this are just con men or for real. Even if they are for real, how do they know the true nature of their experience? Perhaps their interpretation of their experience is biased by their perspective and wanting to believe they are really channeling dead people when the truth could be completely something else. For example, in this book, the narrative is laced with all of Van Praagh's personal opinions. Who cares? So, in sum, why even go to guys like this...you can never be certain of the truth.

Rena Sherwood says

It's like reading a book-length horoscope. For the most part, it's full of fluffy bunny feel-good prose not bothered by those pesky little things like facts or reason or anything like that.

For the most part.

And every now and then Van Praagh throws in some real mind-fucks such as people carry over their addictions in the afterlife. Really? Well, you might as well drink up, fire the spoon and smoke 'em if you got 'em 'cause it means NO CHANCE OF OVERDOSING OR CANCER IN THE AFTERLIFE. You just work on quitting your addictions in order to "progress" to "higher levels."

Yeah, right. Drugs and booze and smokes in the afterlife and you are still pressured to quit. What are they gonna do to you NOW -- kill you?

However, that's a new twist on most of these spiritualist medium excuses for books. They can help you understand why people get sucked into these scams and perhaps make for some good research material for writing horror fiction. Also nice soothing material for getting drowsy.

Noel says

I had just written a very witty and thoughtful review when I pressed something or other and lost it. Here's the less witty and fairly quick version of what I remember writing...

I've been thinking of death lately. My own death to be exact. Not so much in a morbid way, but more in a curious way. When will it happen? Will it hurt? What comes next? Who will go through my things? Will my house be a mess? Is there a heaven?

So picking up this book which had been lingering on my shelves, I thought I might get some answers. I read it with an open mind and found plenty of thoughts to chew on. No definitive answers, but a lot of ideas that don't sound absolutely nutty either. He speaks of love as being the be all in this life and the next, of figuring out why we're here (not to collect money or power), of how we are born and how the death process works. He gives plenty of examples of people he's read and their experiences. (I'd love to have a reading sometime).

Where he lost me was with some of the examples of what to expect after we cross over. For ex. We will be able to build a mansion in the sky, our choice oceanfront or perhaps mountainside cabin; and we can contact an architect to help us build it. OK - right there I draw the line. It just smacks of earthly materialism, and I don't know, it just sounds goofy. Buildings made of marble and other earth-like items all seem to just be a human idea, limited to what we know and see around us.

But all in all, I liked the book. It was well written and gave me a lot of food for thought, and that's all I can ask for in a book.

Ginette says

Loved it. Confirmed everything I knew about this brilliant Universe. Everyone needs to read this to understand that death is part of life. Our Soul lives on forever. We are Love.

Iona Stewart says

This is the first book I've read by this author.

I would regard this as an excellent introduction to the subject of life after death.

Van Praagh, who is an extremely gifted medium, is an intelligent and cultured man and an eloquent writer. It was a pleasure to read a book couched in such graceful language (for a change, I am tempted to say).

In the preliminary chapters van Praagh goes into detail about such matters as the universal mind, the aura, including its colours, the etheric, astral and mental bodies and the processes involved in the various types of death.

Later in the book we are presented with various moving stories taken from his innumerable client consultations, the basic themes addressed being expectations, guilt, fear, forgiveness and love. This section of the book in particular is thoroughly readable.

In the final section the author gives us various useful exercises for grounding, protection and "bringing out your light", He concludes by providing us with spiritual guidelines by which to successfully bring up our children in these challenging times.

The book is filled with insightful quotations taken from the works of famous writers together with valuable spiritual precepts, such as: "Remember God always says yes; we say no."

I would particularly recommend this book to those new to the subject.

Sue says

I just love the examples.
