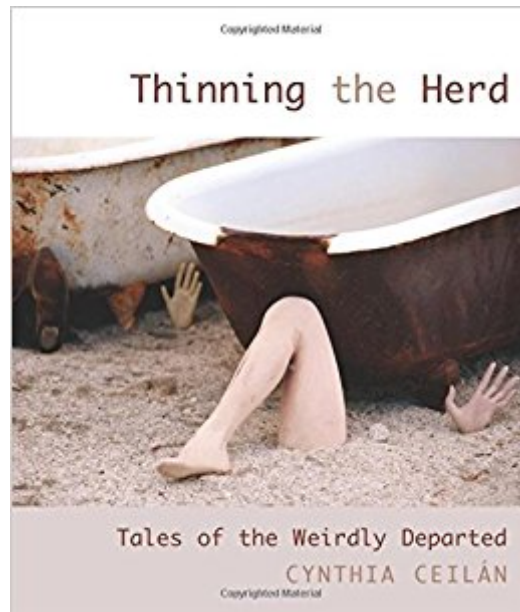




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Thinning The Herd: Tales Of The Weirdly Departed



Synopsis

Dark humor about those who have removed themselves from the gene pool. An original and irreverent compendium of accidental deaths caused by astonishing stupidity, embarrassing irony and/or really bad luck, in the tradition of The Darwin Awards. Author Cynthia Ceilan includes details about:

- *the hospital in India that faced a strange epidemic when patients kept dying on Fridays
- *the weekly housekeeper was disconnecting life support systems in order to plug in her vacuum cleaner
- *Conqueror Attila the Hun, who died of a nosebleed on his wedding night
- *Jean-Louis Toubon, who choked to death on his girlfriend's edible panties
- *and many more!

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So you think life is weird? It would appear that our desire to show respect and honor the dead is an instinct deeply encoded in our nature as humans. Even Neanderthal man, who walked the Earth more than 60,000 years ago, buried his loved ones with carefully arranged animal bones and flowers. Some of us, alas, choose to ignore that instinct. Take, for example, the case of Katherine Knight, a butcher who stabbed her boyfriend thirty-seven times, then invited his adult children to dinner and served them a nice stew of potatoes, vegetables, their father's boiled head, and his baked buttocks, filleted. Or David Galvan, whose drunk uncle permanently cured him of the hiccups by accidentally shooting him in the head. Or Jean-Louis Toubon, who choked to death on his girlfriend's edible panties. Maybe all of death is happenstance. Or maybe it's just life, filtering out the gene pool. *Thinning the Herd: Tales of the Weirdly Departed* is a delightfully irreverent collection of

real-life anecdotes, facts, and observations regarding Death. You know . . . that thing that only happens to other people.

Cynthia Ceilan has been a professional writer, editor, and researcher since 1985. She's had short works of fiction published in Potpourri and The Sun (literary magazines) and has written regularly for an alternative monthly periodical called Aquarius: A Sign of the Times.

This was a fun light read that you can pick up and put down as you please. I love odd fact books.

In the vein of the Darwin Awards, this book tells true tales of all the odd, stupid, sad, hilarious, and bizarre ways one can snuff it, check out, buy the farm, kick the bucket or drop off the twig. And in the spirit of this book, one can reflect that all these stories are now, for most of the world, merely amusing tales to pass the time. But amuse they do. If death can ever be a fun read, this is it.

I must admit that this book wasn't what I expected. This is, of course, a strange way to say this since I didn't really have any actual expectations of what this book would be like to start with. It's funny, irreverent, ironic, and sometimes heartwrenching. If you're someone who feels that death is not something to be laughed about, then this is not the book for you. It's not disrespectful, but it could be taken the wrong way by those who see it in the wrong light.

There are some crazy deaths in here.

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I love her books they can make you smile and laugh

I bought this book about a month ago and I have already read it and loaned it to 3 people who were dying to read it after just reading small tid bits of it. It's dark humour and short tales made it easy and fun to read even when I didn't have much time. I understand that some of what the writer wrote was not completely accurate, however whatever was true was extreamly entertaining and one of my favorite books I've read lately.

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