

Spook, Science Tackles the Afterlife

Mary Roach

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Spook, by Mary Roach, is a nonfiction novel about the author's experience she had trying to determine if there is, in fact, an afterlife. When I say "nonfiction", however, it's not what you might think. *Spook* isn't a boring book that just lists facts, it's actually a wonderfully hilarious adventure where Mary Roach tries to find evidence to disprove or confirm the existence of ghosts and spirits. Throughout her trip, she goes through different theories on how ghosts can exist. It's kind of like a TV show in a book and Mary Roach's style of writing is comical throughout. On one page you could have chills running down your back but on the next page you could be laughing until tears come to your eyes.

Mary Roach's expressive and comical writing style makes me rate *Spook* as a 10 out of 10. This is the second Mary Roach novel and it is just as good as *Stiff*, the first one. If you are in high school or older, this novel will be perfect, but it may contain hard vocabulary and subtle humor that you might not understand. Over all, *Spook* is a fantastic novel that you might have a great time reading.

Recommended Titles:

Gulp *Stiff* *Packing for Mars* (All by Mary Roach)