

***Stiff, The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers***

**Mary Roach**

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*Stiff* is a non fiction novel about Mary Roach, the author, who travels around the world to study and learn as much as possible about "*The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*". Although this book seems to be very gloomy and gross, it turned out to be hilarious at the right moments. First, she travels to San Francisco where she discusses the concept of death and cadavers with experts. When she is in San Francisco, she learns all about cadavers that are used in surgical practice, which serve a great part in students' goal to become better surgeons. This is where we can see the tough, daily life for the soon-to-be surgeons. In the following chapters, Mary Roach goes through the different fields that donated bodies can go to and what they do to contribute to society. She also reveals different and curious things about dead bodies and what happens to them, all with a hilarious twist of humor.

The fact that this book was so knowledgeable, interesting, and humorous made this book a fantastic read that should be picked up by young adults and adults alike. I would recommend this book to this age group because of the clever jokes that younger audiences might not understand, and the book occasionally has difficult vocabulary. The grim subjects of death and corpses were expressed in the best way possible by the amazing Mary Roach, and I would definitely rate this book a 10 out of 10 so pick this novel up or any novel by Mary Roach!

Recommendations:     *Gulp*   *Spook*   *Packing for Mars*   (All written by Mary Roach)