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At the age of 31, Betty Eadie died after routine surgery. The events that followed can only be described as the most profound and extensive near-death experience ever recorded. During the time she was clinically dead, Betty was given knowledge of the afterlife that would make even the greatest skeptic think twice. As she traveled through the spiritual realm, she learned more about the laws and history of the universe than perhaps anyone before her. She explains with uncanny detail the reasons why we have chosen to be on this earth at this time in history, and how all our actions are growing experiences for our immortal spirits. In those few minutes that stretched into eternity, Betty's life was changed forever. In this special unabridged recording of "Embraced by the Light," she shares the vision of a world she never imagined existed, and gives new meaning to the question, "Why are we here?"

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### **Sharon Delarose says**

This is the most detailed Near Death Experience (NDE) I've ever encountered. Her recollection of "what comes after" is extremely vivid.

From everything I've read about NDE's, the experience is often colored by your personal religious beliefs, and Betty's account is very Christian.

This book moved me so much for answering the question, "Why are we here?" that I've given it as a gift to quite a few people. Especially when someone has lost a loved one, I believe this book is a good grief counselor. It offers hope that there really is an afterlife and not only do our loved ones live on, they may still be active in our lives from beyond.

I also believe this is a good gift for anyone who is contemplating their own death, such as the elderly or very ill. Facing the end of your life is scary, and Embraced by the Light may offer peace in the belief that there really is something that comes after.

One of the most precious gifts this book gives, is the concept that we choose our challenges in life, and that sometimes those challenges only make sense from a higher perspective. If you want to know why someone would choose a life as a drunken bum in a gutter, you'd be amazed at the answer...

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### **Kimberly Lewis says**

A quick, interesting read if you are the type to keep an open mind. This novel chronicles a woman's near-death experience and I don't generally argue someone else's personal experience. It's a hopeful story- I found it uplifting and enjoyable.

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### **Christa says**

A co-worker passed this book along to me after Mike died. She told me to read it when I was ready. Well I needed answers, I wanted to know what the hell is going on up there and what happens to us when we die? This book gives some insight because the woman talks about her near death experience, meeting her guardian angels and God.

Now I'm far from religious but this book gave me some peace of mind. Mike is no longer suffering, we were together for a reason...many reasons, that people come in and out of your life to keep you on your path and that we are all being looked over. All that matters in life is not whether you made something of yourself or not, but how you treated people. I don't know if I believe what she experienced up there, before she was told it's not her time and sent back to earth, but it's a nice story to read regardless.

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### **Jeanette says**

Because this book held honesty and good will to share such a detailed series of events, I wanted to give it 4 stars, at the least. But the writing itself kept me from that extra star. She uses identical words for such abstracts of specifics, that at times I felt I wished I could ask her varying questions on her definitions. These are such metaphysical and emotive words that I know that would be difficult to answer, as well. But still- there are some dichotomies in her very definitions, IMHO. But I know this territory is not simple. Charity also means almost opposing actions to different people in specific causes too.

Regardless, this quick read was direct, honest, and a first person witness for the long journey and series of events that occurred during the night after her surgery. And this particular reading has also stood the test of time and many NDE studies since then.

Those who have no possible avenue of belief toward a personal God will not find reason to understand this tale, IMHO. I absolutely agree with Betty J. Eadie that there will always be current "scientific" explanations that the mind will play tricks and manufacture this state when deprived of oxygen. But I do not believe that is true at all either.

Her experience was too beautiful and her 4 or 5 years after it occurred too sorrowful to interpret this as a "mind" function or trick- of that I'm sure. Especially since there were future identities revealed that she never really understood either until years after her illness event. (The little girl with her ballet step upon her husband's shoe tip- not at all recognized until a decade later.)

Her explanations of learning about both kindness (good intent) and prayer are 5 star and essential to human association universally. Actually this book made me a little jealous. Two separate times and for two completely differing reasons I have had Last Rites- at 20 and at 26. Both many, many years ago. Although I had the out of body experience with full memory that second time, I never experienced the black phase, the tunnel, the light- or any of the other entities involved. But I was peaceful and could see detail and remember exact visuals of spaces I could not have possibly seen from my body. So I always read these first person narrations and have strong personal correlation and basis to believe that there is far more than we know about spirit.

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### **Cristael Bengtson says**

In November of 1973 Betty Eadie was a 31 year old mother of seven children. As a young Native American child she had been placed in a Catholic boarding school where she had endured torturous medieval discipline. She had been divorced from her first husband, and she was married to a man who loved her and their family.

She was alone in her hospital room, having had a partial hysterectomy, when she was lifted out of her body to experience one of the most dramatic Near Death Experiences ever recorded. She was drawn into an intelligent Light in what she called 'an explosion of love'. She recognized that Light as Jesus, whom she had feared all her life as a result of the punishments the nuns in her school had given her. His loving presence resolved all her fears of God and of dying.

Then Betty went on into a world of Life and Light, where she experienced the purest of ecologies, and where she heard divine music coming from each plant and each drop of water. There her eager and curious mind was filled with information about everything, from atoms to galaxies and beyond. She learned about the power and the immediacy of prayers, and the overwhelming power of love.

Like so many NDE'rs, Betty Eadie wanted to stay in that wonderful place. Yet she came back to Earth, and to the difficult life readjustments that every NDE'r has to make. She writes movingly of her family's love and support helping her through her re-entry period.

This is a lovely story, sincerely and vividly told.

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## **Gregg says**

At the time I read this book, it was, and still is one of the best descriptions of what takes place after a person dies. To date I have read this book 3 times, and by the Gods of heavy metal, I shall live to read it yet again. As Betty Eadie lies near death in a hospital room, she slips out of her body and is taken on a tour of the after world. She gives a description of a garden in the after world that is truly magical. The colors that exist are living hues beyond articulation, and their brilliance is increased through your admiration of them. The flowers, as well as all plants "sing" a type of song as though they could see inside your soul, and heal you with their choruses. The author talks of the gardens as having been created with the thoughts of all who have witnessed, and passed through them. You come to see the garden/environment as an extension of your moods and inner states, as you change, the garden/environment changes to reflect what you have become. There is another curious phenomenon that the author takes note to mention. It seems the very air produces a type of living music, a tingling of sorts that understands all of your favorite sounds, and presents this as the most grand symphony you can imagine. Its as though the environment can only give you what you can handle. As you become more of what you are, it becomes more of what it is. Matter evolves and its evolutionary goal is to learn how to respond to the thoughts of the various consciousness that it comes into contact with. Imagine an artist such as Thomas Kinkade, or a master landscape designer such as Robert Olmsted, who designed Central Park, being able to create their art exactly as they envision it in their mind's eye. Then their art becomes alive, and takes on a life of its own, and begins to evolve, and becomes more than what it was. The author talks about the healing centers that one can visit to rid themselves of the left over negative energy of their sojourn in the physical world. There are also a number of pages dedicated to how a person chooses to die in order to make a statement to others. The various concepts of the tunnel that people claim to see are explored. The interpretation in the book outlines this phenomenon as a barrier between the different worlds. Once this barrier is crossed, the energy cord connecting one to their physical body is severed, and there can be no return until the next incarnation. These as well as other esoteric ideals concerning the death scenario are looked at with the eye of a true explorer. Ms Eadie also looks at the various reasons of why a person would choose to incarnate, in lets say, a cripple body, or as a slave to a cruel master, or as a Siamese twin. These choices are all looked at from different views. A number of people incarnate not necessarily for their benefit, but more so for the betterment of others, these are the true saints of our humanity. In the book there is one example given of a person incarnating as a bum who had high visibility. This person's purpose was to bring out empathy, and compassion in all who were lucky enough to pass his way. In reality this bum was a master teacher who chose to teach in a somewhat unconventional way. A teacher instills, and brings out more of whats in you, and that was the purpose of this derelict bum. The book later goes on to talk about the grand museum, in which all of the as yet to be invented ideals exist. Inventors of all ages visit this museum during the sleep state where they observe what could be. Needless to say Edison, as well as Leonardo da Vinci was a frequent visitor. Ms Eadie also states that there is another museum in which all the unrealized ideals of everyone who has ever existed, are there to be observed by others, and possibly actualize. Different topics are explored, such as how a body is selected for birth, how "you" come to judge yourself, how you can send yourself to hell like conditions, because of your desire to do so, as well as why the "laws" are like they are. On the subject of judgment, before a person can move on to the higher realities, they must critically evaluate their last life. You look at your big successes and your small successes, for their are no true failures. Every detail of ones life is looked at from all possible views. How your actions made others feel, and what was the long term affect on them, and the people they came into

contact with. This is called the "ripple effect" by the author. Something else that takes place during this evaluation is that you have the option to see "what if" scenarios. What if different actions had been taken ? how might things have turned out ? This and other options are available to the recently departed, it all depends on their temperament. All throughout the book Ms Eadie recaps what she has learned up to that point. A common thread of her statements is that love is a binding force of the universe, and thoughts are deeds. As you think, you are held accountable. Another sentiment she expresses is to be a servant of humanity, as you give, much is given to you.

I found this book to be so enlightening, you can say I was embraced by the light.

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### **P.Q. Glisson says**

5 Stars aren't near enough to give this wonderful and moving book.

I read this book years ago and saw it at my Husband's Family's church while attending the funeral of a dear family friend and just felt compelled to pick it up again. I read it in one night and all I can say is that the second time was better than the first.

You have to read it more than once to get everything. Heck, you may have to read it several times. There's so much material and every single bit of it is incredible!

I am a Christian and believe what the Bible says. I also believe that through the years several important pieces have been lost in translation or left out for some reason. So many questions have been plaguing Christians for thousands of years. What does happen when we die? Did God create other worlds, within and without the universe, capable of sustaining life?

Some Pompous, holier than thou Christians might dismiss Betty's experience as "flights of fancy" or at the worse "heresy", but she backs up everything with biblical scripture.

I would recommend this book to anyone, Christian and non-Christian, who have had a loved one pass away or are dealing with the prospect of death. It's truly comforting and may change the way we think of death.

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### **Ghine says**

This book changed my life as a teenager!! I knew I believed in God and had faith but I struggled with the separation of religions. Betty J. Eadie talks about how the different religions are merely the different ways people worship God but that we're all worshipping the same God. I could relate to this and it made sense. I could never understand how the baby born into a buddhist family was damned to Hell when that baby would never be introduced to Jesus to begin with. He may have a yearning inside, his soul searching for the love he knows, but he's not been introduced to Jesus here on earth and he follows his family's values and beliefs, as most do.

I received great, great comfort when my 2 year old passed from cancer. To read the book again and her amazing details of Heaven. To know my son was there experiencing that love and joy. I missed his physical presence with me but I knew he was happy and very loved.

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### **Bionic Jean says**

This is what I would class as an "inspirational" book. It did not inspire me, however, though I did find it interesting. Betty J. Eadie is a North American Native Indian, who has had a near-death experience, and now

seeks to enlighten us all. She is rather too conscious in her book, of being a privileged being with knowledge to impart to the rest of us. Hmm.

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### **Tori says**

I just read this within a few hours because I'm stuck at my grandmothers on Christmas waiting for a ride home.

People are way to harsh on this book! I looked through other reviews and it's filled with 1stars. The complaints are stupid like it's not written well. Well duh, she's not a writer!

This is a fairly short account of a woman's near death experience. I picked it off my grandma's shelf, so not something I'd choose for myself. This is my life. While others might spend a long day at their grandmothers Facebook stalking their exes, I choose to read about a woman almost dying....

I am a Christian, but before writing me off you should know I don't hate homosexuals or condemn people to hell. I liked this book because she stressed that the real message God wants us to know is one of love. Forget all the other bullshit. It's not important. We need more love in the world. The End.

I think anyone can take something from this. Maybe some chapters are a little unbelievable but we're only human and of course we're going to question whether everything is true. That's okay! I at least enjoyed it for the mere idea of this heaven. What kind of heaven is going to be able to appease everyones wants and needs? I don't know. I can't even begin to imagine.

I also don't need to know. We all find out eventually what happens when we die. This was just enjoyable to read on a rainy Christmas day.

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### **Chinook says**

A friend went out of her way to give me this book. For all that I admit to be slightly annoyed that someone who knew I was an atheist would give me a book about Jesus, I felt compelled to read it since she ordered it for me (and lets be honest, it's short.)

It annoyed me from the start. The acknowledgements where she thanks her husband for eating tv dinners while she wrote, the forward written by a doctor stressing a need for a return to spirituality, that the author had gone through native American boarding schools designed to eliminate a certain sort of spirituality.

Ultimately it just came across to me as silly. It's all the best things that the author could imagine, put in a magical world. To start with, her imagination is pretty dull if that's her idea of utopia. It was like reading someone's account of heir alien abduction, or like reading some sort of sci-fi. Flatland and Gulliver's Travells both came to mind as I flew through it. A lot of it was very good-hearted, with all its talk of love and kindness, but it was mixed in with so much silly that I had a hard time taking even the ideas I agreed with seriously.

One good thing will come out of reading this. I'll message the friend who gave it to me. If nothing else, her love and kindness towards me is deeply touching and it's been far too long since we've spoken.

## The Goon says

“Embraced by the Light” is the sort of book you read very quickly in the bathtub. By the time the bath water is cold, you have finished the book.

The book is written at approximately an eighth grade reading level. The book’s author, Betty J. Eadie, is super religious and made lots of Biblical references in the book that I didn’t understand as my background is not in Christianity. Never mind that though, it’s still a good book.

Reports of Near Death Experiences are the only thing that keeps me from being an Atheist, so I’ll take Eadie’s interpretation about events even if they were viewed through a religious lens.

Frankly, I believe “Embraced by the Light,” has an excellent message. And even if Eadie's Near Death Experience was just a hallucination, so what? I don't care if her experience was 'real' in a factual way.

Even if Near Death Experiences are only the result of a dying brain, the people who live to tell the tales of their adventures in death always have nice suggestions about how to live life.

Basically, the people who have died and have had a Near Death Experience consistently report that life is about learning to love other people, as well as yourself. They also say that life is about gaining as much knowledge as you can, and it’s about enjoying the experience of living.

The people who have had Near Death Experiences always come back to life LOVELY. They are kinder, smarter, and simply better people due to their deaths and subsequent resuscitations.

I don’t see any harm in being addicted to reading Near Death Experience books. I think the accounts of life after death have a positive message and I think reading them has made me a nicer person.

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