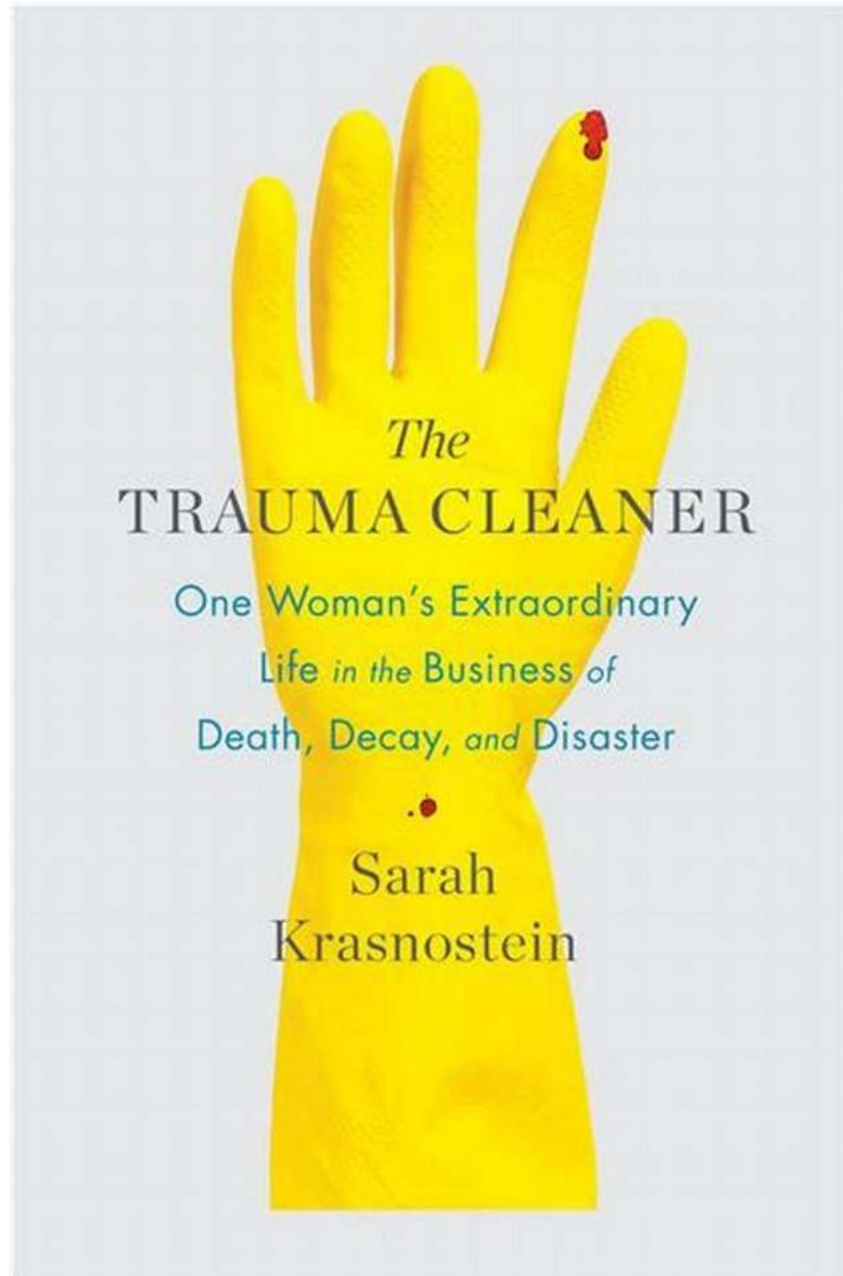


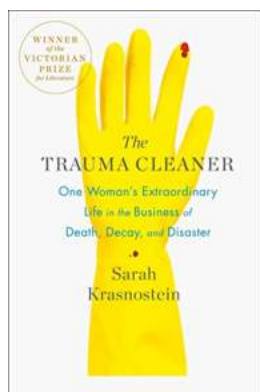
# One Woman's Extraordinary Life: In the Business of Death, Decay, and Disaster



Life is a journey full of surprises, challenges, and unexpected turns, but sometimes, there are individuals who not only embrace the unexpected but make a living out of it. Meet Jane Miller, a woman who has spent her entire career immersed in the macabre and enigmatic world of death, decay, and disaster.

## A Fascination with the Unusual

From a young age, Jane's curious mind was captivated by tales of the paranormal, forensic sciences, and the intricacies of nature's most macabre processes. While her peers were dreaming of becoming doctors, lawyers, or engineers, Jane was envisioning a different path for herself - one filled with the peculiar and the obscure.



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As she delved deeper into her studies, Jane realized that her true calling lay in exploring the mysteries of life's end and the aftermath that follows. Her insatiable curiosity led her to pursue degrees in forensic anthropology, mortuary science, and disaster management - areas that would later become the foundation of her extraordinary career.

## A Unique Profession

Jane's journey began as an intern at a local funeral home. It was there that she gained firsthand experience in the art of preserving and presenting deceased

individuals for their final farewells. This unique opportunity not only solidified her interest in the field but also allowed her to hone her skills in dealing with grieving families, providing solace and support during their darkest hours.

But Jane's ambitions didn't stop there. She felt compelled to push the boundaries of her chosen profession, aiming to make a difference in the world of death and disaster management. Her passion led her to join an international organization that specializes in disaster response and recovery.

As part of this organization, Jane traveled to some of the most devastated regions of the world, offering her expertise and knowledge to help communities rebuild their lives amidst the ruins. From earthquake-ravaged towns to war-torn regions, Jane witnessed firsthand the incredible resilience of humanity in the face of unimaginable trauma and loss.

## **Embracing the Morbid**

While some may perceive her profession as morbid or gruesome, Jane sees it as an opportunity to bring healing and closure to those affected by tragedy. Whether it's identifying victims through forensic techniques or providing support to grieving families, she believes that her work serves a higher purpose.

"Death is an unfortunate but undeniable part of life," Jane explains. "By diving into the darker aspects of it, we can understand the fragility of human existence and appreciate the importance of cherishing every moment. My goal is to help people through their darkest times and guide them towards finding hope amidst the despair."

## **A Lasting Legacy**

As Jane reflects on her extraordinary journey, she contemplates the legacy she hopes to leave behind. Her dream is to establish a foundation that provides support and resources for families affected by death and disaster all around the world.

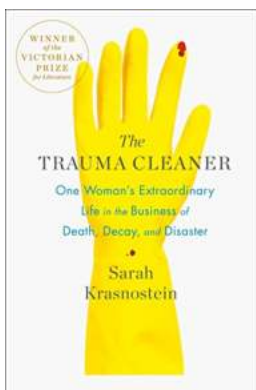
In her vision, this foundation would not only offer financial aid but also provide emotional support, educational programs, and a sanctuary for those in need.

Jane envisions a world where the business of death, decay, and disaster is not an intimidating taboo, but rather a community of compassionate individuals working together to help others heal and thrive.

## Cherishing Life

Jane Miller's extraordinary life serves as a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is light to be found. Through her unwavering commitment to her chosen path, she has transformed the macabre into a source of solace and hope for countless individuals.

So, the next time you ponder the mysteries of life, remember Jane's incredible journey. And perhaps, just like her, you may find beauty in the most unexpected places.



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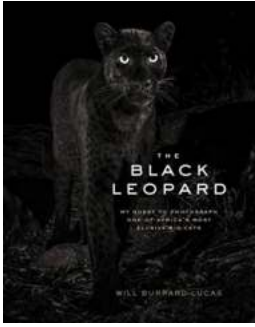


Winner of the Victorian Prize for Literature, Sarah Krasnostein's *The Trauma Cleaner: One Woman's Extraordinary Life in the Business of Death, Decay, and Disaster* is the fascinating biography of one of the people responsible for tidying up homes in the wake of natural—and unnatural—catastrophes and fatalities.

Homicides and suicides, fires and floods, hoarders and addicts. When properties are damaged or neglected, it falls to Sandra Pankhurst, founder of Specialized Trauma Cleaning (STC) Services Pty. Ltd. to sift through the ashes or sweep up the mess of a person's life or death. Her clients include law enforcement, real estate agents, executors of deceased estates, and charitable organizations representing victimized, mentally ill, elderly, and physically disabled people. In houses and buildings that have fallen into disrepair, Sandra airs out residents' smells, throws out their weird porn, their photos, their letters, the last traces of their DNA entombed in soaps and toothbrushes.

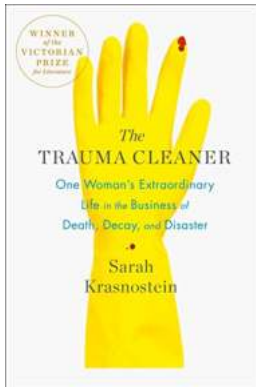
The remnants and mementoes of these people's lives resonate with Sandra. Before she began professionally cleaning up their traumas, she experienced her own. First, as a little boy, raised in violence and excluded from the family home. Then as a husband and father, drag queen, gender reassignment patient, sex worker, small businesswoman, and trophy wife. In each role she played, all Sandra wanted to do was belong.

*The Trauma Cleaner* is the extraordinary true story of an extraordinary person dedicated to making order out of chaos with compassion, revealing the common ground Sandra Pankhurst—and everyone—shares with those struck by tragedy.



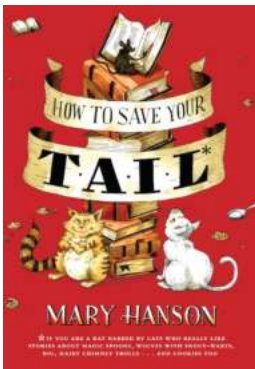
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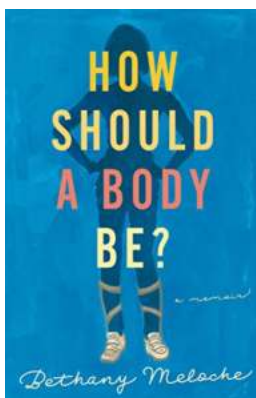
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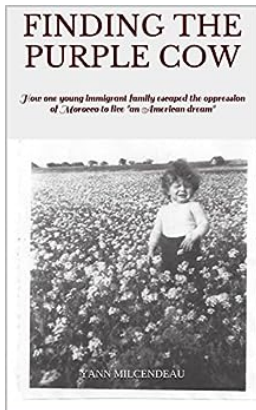
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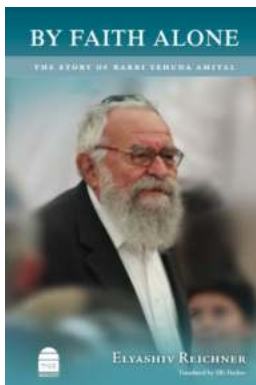
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