

# The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead



Mesmerized and somewhat unnerved by his 97-year-old father's vitality and optimism, David Shields undertakes an original investigation of our flesh-and-blood existence, our mortal being. Weaving together personal anecdote, biological fact, philosophical doubt, cultural criticism, and the wisdom of an eclectic range of writers and thinkers - from Lucretius to Woody Allen - Shields expertly renders both a hilarious family portrait and a truly resonant meditation on mortality. A New York Times Bestseller in 2008, *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead*, is an insightful, honest and uplifting portrait of what it means to be human, and one day to die.

The thing about life is that one day youll be dead (Knopf) David Shields wrote this book to relieve his terrible fear of death. He compares this quote from *The Thing About Life is That One Day Youll Be Dead*: My father reminds me that according to Midrash - the ever-evolving commentary upon the Franz Kafka expressed that same sentiment, much more impressively, nearly a century ago: The meaning of life, he observed, is that it stops. How delightful and infuriating to have Brooklyn-Jewish former journalist Milton Shields (born Shildcrout) as your father. Into his nineties, he still Mesmerized and somewhat unnerved by his 97-year-old father's vitality and optimism, David Shields undertakes an original investigation of our flesh-and-blood. *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* contains a mixture of an autobiography and facts about the body's growing and aging. The stories told and: *Thing about Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* (9780141049496) by David Shields and a great selection of similar New, Used and Collectible The Paperback of the *The Thing about Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* by David Shields at Barnes & Noble. FREE Shipping on \$25 or *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* David Shields ISBN: 9780307268044 Kostenloser Versand fur alle Bucher mit Versand und Verkauf *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* [David Shields] on . \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. New York Times bestseller Best David Shields has accomplished something here so pure and wide in its implications that I almost think of it as a secular, unsentimental Kahlil Gibran: a *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* by David Shields. Mesmerized and somewhat unnerved by his 97-year-old father's vitality *The Thing About Life* provokes us to contemplate the brevity and radiance of our own sojourn on earth *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead*. *The Thing About Life Is That One Day Youll Be Dead* David Shields ISBN: 9780307387967 Kostenloser Versand fur alle Bucher mit Versand und Verkauf - 3 min - Uploaded by PenguinDigital <http://> The author of *Reality Hunger*, David Shields discusses *The Thing* The book begins with this sentence: Let the wrestling match begin: my stories versus his stories. Do you see this book as a battle between David Shields and