

***The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip* by Sara Brunsvold**

Mrs. Clara Kip is just entering hospice as the story begins, and while she knows her time left on earth is short, she is in no way short on ideas of how she can use these final days. Devoted to her faith, Clara sees every opportunity to love someone as her best way to enjoy the time she has left.

Aidyn Kelley is a young reporter for the *Kansas City Star*. In her eagerness to show her talent Aidyn oversteps her position and finds herself nearly without a job. In what looks like a big slice of humble pie, Aidyn is assigned the task of writing Mrs. Kip's obituary. Or, at least that's how the task is presented to Aidyn. What ends up happening turns out to be the story of a lifetime—of course, the completely fascinating story of a woman who changed the lives of many refugees in the mid 1970's.

This book covers so many topics! There is a very real aspect to the book in the discussions surrounding the last days of life. The 1975 Loatian refugee crisis was a main topic, and the twists that come with any cross-generational story always can create interesting conflict. And, of course, I haven't even touched on the many ways Mrs. Kip could die!