

The background of the top half of the cover is a wide-angle photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, there are various tombstones and a black wrought-iron fence. The middle ground is filled with trees showing vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the far background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible under a clear blue sky.

# THE LIVELY PLACE

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The story of one of the Boston area's most famous attractions, the Mount Auburn Cemetery, and how its founders and residents have influenced American culture. When the Mount Auburn Cemetery was founded in 1831, it revolutionized the way Americans mourned the dead by offering a peaceful space for contemplation.

This cemetery, located not far from Harvard University, was also a place that reflected and instilled an imperative to preserve and protect nature in a rapidly industrializing culture lessons that would influence Central Park, the cemetery at Gettysburg, and the creation of the National Parks system.

Even today this urban wildlife habitat and nationally recognized hotspot for migratory songbirds continues to connect visitors with nature and serves as a model for sustainable landscape practices. Beyond Mount Auburn's prescient focus on conservation, it also reflects the impact of transcendentalism and the progressive spirit in American life seen in advances in science, art, religion and in social reform movements.

In "The Lively Place," Stephen Kendrick celebrates this vital piece of our nation's history, as he tells the story of Mt. Auburn's founding, its legacy, and the many influential Americans interred there, from religious leaders to abolitionists, poets, and reformers."

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