

ABSTRACT

FACING THE INEVITABLE

The following four stories involve protagonists who are struggling with issues of mortality and faith as they try to negotiate their roles in this life and the more-than-human world in which we all exist. Their anthropocentric beliefs are intricately intertwined with their ecocentric values, adding further conflict to their already difficult decisions. The characters do not have glorious epiphanies, but rather subtle realizations of the inevitableness of death and the preciousness of all life.

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