taph-o-phere  n. an individual who has a passion for and enjoyment of cemeteries. This involves epitaphs, gravestone rubbing, photography, art, and the history of cemeteries.

Books:

- 199 Cemeteries to See Before You Die by Loren Rhoads
- The American Resting Place: 400 Years of History Through Our Cemeteries and Burial Grounds by Marilyn Yalom and Reid S. Yalom
- Beautiful Death: The Art of the Cemetery by David Robinson
- Cemeteries by Keith Eggener (see video at youtu.be/8HegwRtbDSU)
- Corpses, Coffins, and Crypts: A History of Burial by Penny Colman
- The Family Tree Cemetery Field Guide: How to Find, Record, and Preserve Your Ancestors' Graves by Joy Neighbors.
- Going Out in Style: The Architecture of Eternity by Douglas Keister
- A Graveyard Preservation Primer by Lynette Strangstad
- The Last Great Necessity: Cemeteries in American History by David Charles Sloane.
- Mapping & Documenting Cemeteries by Pamela Goffinet
- Rest in Peace: A History of American Cemeteries by Meg Greene
- Stories Told in Stone: Cemetery Iconology by Gaylord Cooper

Cemetery Symbolism:

- Cemetery Symbolism | www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3747.htm
- Photo Gallery of Cemetery Symbols and Icons www.thoughtco.com/photo-gallery-of-cemetery-symbolism-4123061
- Understanding Cemetery Symbols Understanding the Cemetery Symbols on Your Ancestors Gravestones | bit.ly/billionsymbols_1 and bit.ly/billionsymbols_2
Cemetery Sites:

- BillionGraves | billiongraves.com
  App and website for uploading cemetery photos from your phone.
- Find A Grave | www.findagrave.com
  Dedicated to finding, recording and presenting final disposition information from around the world as a virtual cemetery.
- Interment.net | www.interment.net
  Search and browse cemetery burial records from thousands of cemeteries across the world.
- Tombstone Transcription Project | www.usgwttombstones.org
  Nationwide volunteer project to record burials.
- Veterans Affairs Nationwide Gravesite Locator | gravelocator.cem.va.gov

Cemetery Preservation:

Cleaning tombstones and monuments has become a popular pastime for many. Learn more about preservation standards and recommended cleaning solutions and supplies at the Cemetery Conservators for United Standards. (cemeteryconservatorsunitedstandards.org)

- Do not attempt to clean fragile stones.
- Do not pressure wash stones.
- Do not use acid or acid-based solutions, including shaving cream.
- Do not use any type of abrasive.
- D/2 Biological Solution (d2bio.com) is the gold standard cleanser for headstones.
- Do not use metal or wire brushes.
- Do not use household cleaners such as bleach.

Must-See Cemeteries:

- The 10 Iconic Cemeteries That Made Death Beautiful | bit.ly/beautiful_death
- The Best Historic Cemeteries to Visit Around the World | bit.ly/2m9QHCi
- Most Beautiful Cemeteries in America | bit.ly/3l1hr1o
- The Restless Spirits of Famous American Cemeteries | bit.ly/38bdCDd
- The World’s Best Cemeteries | bbc.in/2kmJ8b6
- World’s Most Beautiful Cemeteries | bit.ly/2kF1xi
- Haunting and Beautiful Cemeteries Around the United States | bit.ly/32eVt3K

Cemetery Studies:

- Association for Gravestone Studies | www.gravestonestudies.org
  Dedicated to furthering the study and preservation of gravestones.
- The Cemetery Club | www.thecemeteryclub.com
  Photography, symbolism, book reviews and more!