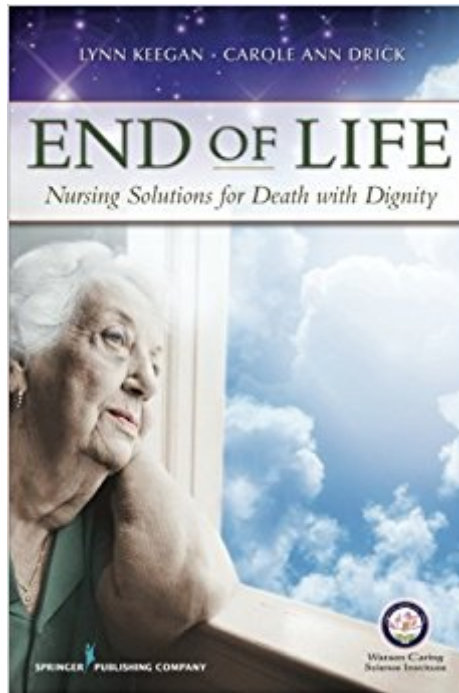




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This book was suggested to me by a fellow colleague and I was very happy to finally find it! It is an excellent resource for those who have loved ones or have recently lost love ones to understand how the death process works and will help family members cope with the loved one's death with less guilt.

This wonderful book by Lynn Keegan and Carole Ann Drick is a must read for all health care workers and anyone approaching end of life whether from a disease or aging. It impacts a change in our societal approach to end of life that is compassionate and caring and honors LIFE. The solutions suggested would make end of life care a transition of peace and joy for the patient, the family and the health care providers.

Being present with other at end-of-life is one of the deepest blessings we will ever experience as holistic nurses. As we bear witness to this life-changing transformation, our heart-centered care is

grounded in compassion and illuminated through best practices designed to afford comfort, quality and peace. There are times that misunderstanding and limited resources endanger the very essence of what we hope for. Lynn Keegan and Carol Ann Drick have gifted us with a resource that is sure to inform holistic end-of-life care. Their gentle yet clear approach gives the reader valuable factual information and narratives that bring it to life in a real way. The stories are phenomenal...and shared in a way that helps us deeply appreciate the journey of the person and those who love them. Keegan and Drick's Golden Room posits a meaningful and doable option for those at end-of-life; an option that is loving, supportive and, ultimately, resource efficient. This idea deserves continued examination in the contemporary health care world. *End of Life Nursing: Solutions for Death with Dignity* is a must read for all who care for those affected by end-of-life...patients and loved ones alike. Indeed, it is a call to action for all of us! As an educator, this book will be added to those recommended for my students as they explore this unique nursing experience - holistic end-of-life care. I am grateful to Dr's Keegan and Drick for sharing this amazing work!

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"End of Life" is an uplifting, lyrical orchestration celebrating the end of life, right down to the last note. It empathetically parallels the classic book "What to Expect When You Are Expecting" enhancing understanding for pregnant women. "End of Life" eases fears and paints a beautiful picture of good death realities. Keegan and Drick compassionately open doors to novel ideas and explorations celebrating that death is not a hush hush topic. It needs to be embraced, honored with dignity, and regarded as the last phase of a life well-lived. This is not a nursing manual, it is a book that will benefit all who want to live their best life until their last breath. How you and your family can lovingly plan and understand before you get there. It fans fresh air on death and dying our best death. A must read for everyone.

This book is truly a gem. It is a rare balance of an interesting read with an incredible integration of factual information. As a person who works with geriatric and long term care nursing I find that it could serve as a valuable resource to nursing home staff for holistic palliative/end of life care measures. A wonderful and unique contribution!

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First and foremost, this book is a fine intellectual read. The current statistical information is well researched and organized. The client history in story form at the beginning of each chapter sets the

stage for the information that follows. The Golden Room is an interesting concept. Although not for everyone, it would be good to have it available to those who could use the sensual harmony at their end of life. Thought provoking.

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