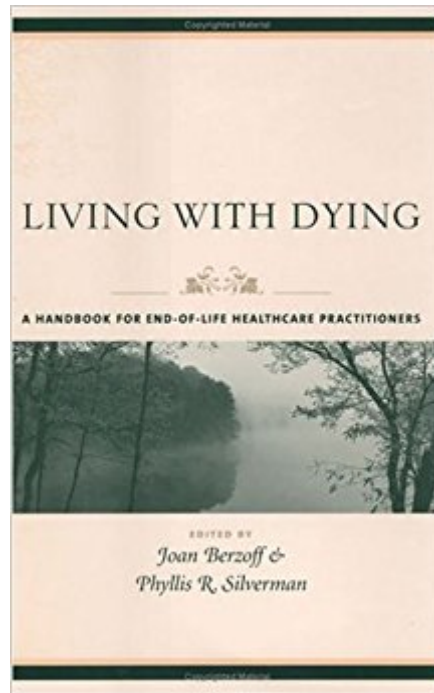




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Synopsis

The first resource on end-of-life care for healthcare practitioners who work with the terminally ill and their families, *Living with Dying* begins with the narratives of five healthcare professionals, who, when faced with overwhelming personal losses altered their clinical practices and philosophies. The book provides ways to ensure a respectful death for individuals, families, groups, and communities and is organized around theoretical issues in loss, grief, and bereavement and around clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups. *Living with Dying* addresses practice with people who have specific illnesses such as AIDS, bone marrow disease, and cancer and pays special attention to patients who have been stigmatized by culture, ability, sexual orientation, age, race, or homelessness. The book includes content on trauma and developmental issues for children, adults, and the aging who are dying, and it addresses legal, ethical, spiritual, cultural, and social class issues as core factors in the assessment of and work with the dying. It explores interdisciplinary teamwork, supervision, and the organizational and financing contexts in which dying occurs. Current research in end-of-life care, ways to provide leadership in the field, and a call for compassion, insight, and respect for the dying makes this an indispensable resource for social workers, healthcare educators, administrators, consultants, advocates, and practitioners who work with the dying and their families.

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Berzoff's and Silverman's text is a compendium of educational material uniquely edited to facilitate social workers' understanding of how to think about, talk with and practice caring for people with life-limiting illness, their caregivers and themselves. It should be required reading for all healthcare professionals who provide end-of-life care. From its use of personal narratives to its emphasis on the theoretical underpinnings of social work practice and research, this resource models excellence in teaching. It is authoritative, comprehensive, practical and readable. Although each of the chapters could stand alone, together they carefully weave the complex elements of what healthcare professionals need to know to be both competent and compassionate in providing end-of-life care. This resource thoroughly addresses the educational challenges set forth in the three Institute of Medicine reports calling for the education of healthcare professionals to facilitate improved care to people with life-limiting illness.

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I would highly recommend *Living with Dying*. (Reverend Francis C. Zanger *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*)

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Living with Dying is the first comprehensive resource on end-of-life care... Social workers will find this text indispensable. (Carole A. Winston *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*)

Living with Dying is the first textbook on end-of-life care for social workers and other healthcare practitioners who work with the terminally ill and their families. Organized around theoretical issues in loss, grief, and bereavement, and around clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups, the book addresses practice with people who have specific illnesses such as AIDS, bone marrow disease, and cancer, and pays special attention to patients that have been stigmatized by culture, ability, sexual orientation, age, and race, or homelessness.

I was required to purchase this book for an end of life class for my masters program in social work. I learned a great deal from it and keep it as a reference for my practice. However picky this may

seem I must comment on the format of the book - it's small size and print size. I struggle to find a comfortable way to read this book. It is very heavy and small, can't be easily held up and the print is too small to lay it down to read. My shoulders and wrists ached from wrestling with the book during my coursework, and when I revisit it from time to time I am reminded of this problem. Such a helpful book. Such an oversight on the authors/publishers part. Still worth the struggle to gain the wisdom contained within, but please make a change when you reprint it!

Book is a collection of articles on a variety of death and dying topics. Very thorough and helpful, but some articles are inevitably more helpful than others. Overall very good though!

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If you are interested in end-of-life care as a profession, this book is amazing. It is very insightful and full of valuable perspectives and information.

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