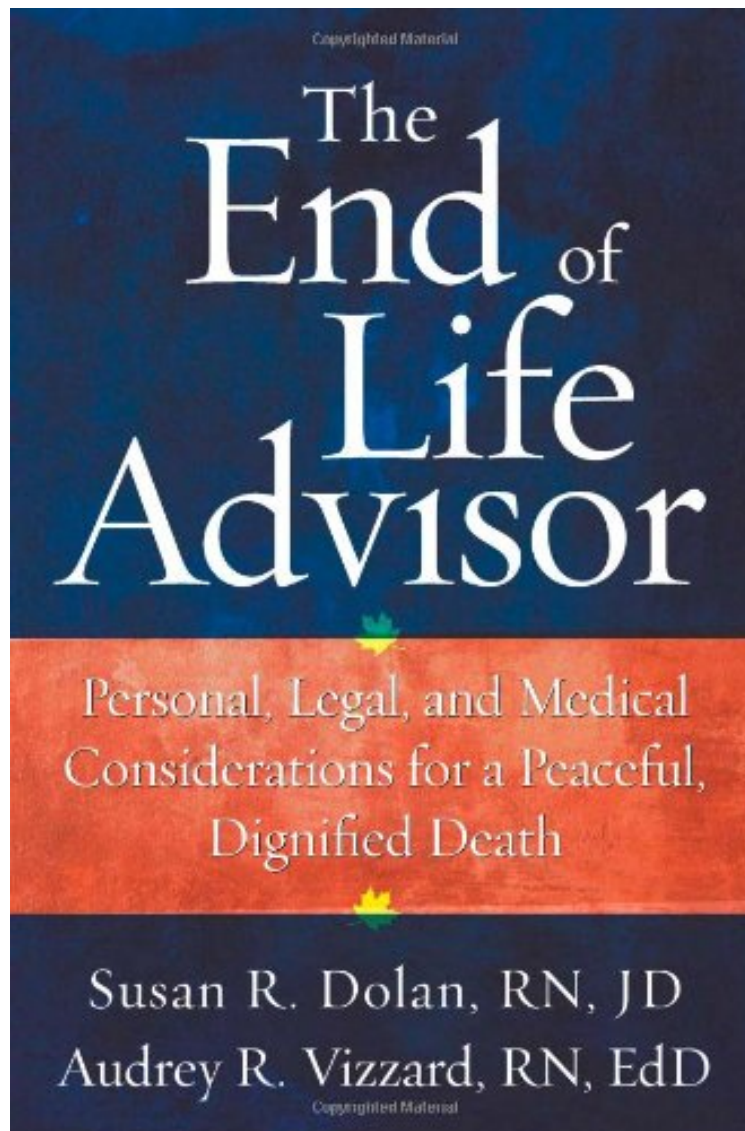


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Now that I have a wonderful 23-year old son that I've adopted into my life, it was time to very quickly get him protected with life insurance on me and prepare wills, living wills, and powers of attorney. This is an outstanding book, and I'd recommend it to everyone that loves their family and friends. What can be a worse thing to condemn your loved ones to than to have to make agonizing decisions if you're suddenly hit with a heart attack, stroke, aneurysm, or other catastrophic illness or accident? Make your wishes known to them now, before the need arises for them to make decisions without your guidance. I found this book terribly reassuring. It looks at end of life issues, preparing your affairs, what to expect from hospice care, etc. Did you know that people that spend their final days in hospice actually tend to live happier, longer lives than a hospital setting? It's all about comfort and relief from pain, not curing the incurable. Freed from painful and agonizing treatments, patients actually do quite well with palliative care and usually recover their appetite and some strength. Who knew? The book is quite detailed, yet actually fascinating to read and hard to put down. Buy the book. You'll feel great about end of life, whether your own or preparing yourself for the death of a loved one. My own mother is 84, and this book went very far toward relieving my worries about her care, as well. Get the book. You'll be glad you did.
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very good

In this simple guide, you'll find both practical step-by-step advice and compassionate, heartfelt guidance to dramatically improve the last days of life. Written by a mother-daughter team of hospice volunteers with experience in nursing, law, and psychology, *The End-of-Life Advisor* will show you the remarkable benefits of hospice care. If you're a healthcare or legal professional, you'll discover the important ways you can advise your patients and clients. If you're caring for a loved one, you'll learn how you can help make their last days much more comfortable. If you're planning for yourself, you'll understand the decisions you need to make now so you can find greater peace down the road. You'll get basic practical information on the ways a person can make their wishes known and maintain control over their end-of-life experience. This includes living wills, power of attorney for healthcare, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders, choosing hospice care, managing pain, increasing comfort and making after-death plans. Along the way you'll find inspirational, emotional, and often humorous stories of positive end-of-life experiences where pain and fear were replaced with comfort and peace.

A source of reliable information and guidance for life's last and most difficult situations. Natural story-tellers, the authors deftly tell lively, colorful stories of people caught in extraordinary circumstances to convey lessons that we all would be wise to learn. I will recommend this book to patients and families. Ira Byock, MD, Director of Palliative Care, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, New Hampshire, author of *Dying Well* and *The Four Things that Matter Most* Packed with wisdom, compassion, humor, and most of all hope, this book offers something for everyone. Readers will find an invaluable handbook that touches on every aspect of planning and preparing for excellent end-of-life care. Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, International Co-Director, Nightingale Initiative for Global Health, author of *Holistic Nursing* Once I started reading this book I couldn't stop. It seemed like I was reading a diary of my last 25 years as a hospice physician. What a wonderful, extraordinary and uplifting gift. For a long-time hospice road warrior, the book brought not only many smiles and frank laughter, but many tearful moments for me, too...all reminding me that this chosen work is, too, a gift. Perry G. Fine, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology, Pain Research Center, School of Medicine, University of Utah, author of *The Hospice Companion* Weaving stories from their decades of experience with patients, this mother-daughter team has crafted a true gem. This approachable book illuminates the need for conversations about end-of-life choices and demonstrates the grace of hospice. It is a wonderful tool to enable people of all ages to follow the sage advice, From the start, consider the finish. Nathan A. Kottkamp, JD, Chairman, National Healthcare Decisions Day, Healthcare Attorney, McGuireWoods LLP, Richmond, Virginia *The End-of-Life Advisor* is a mandatory resource. Whether you are a patient, their family or support system, a health care professional or a student, *The End-of-Life Advisor* will enhance your knowledge while enriching your spirit! Ellen Fink-Samnick LCSW, CCM, CRC, Clinician, Trainer, Educator, EFS Supervision Strategies
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