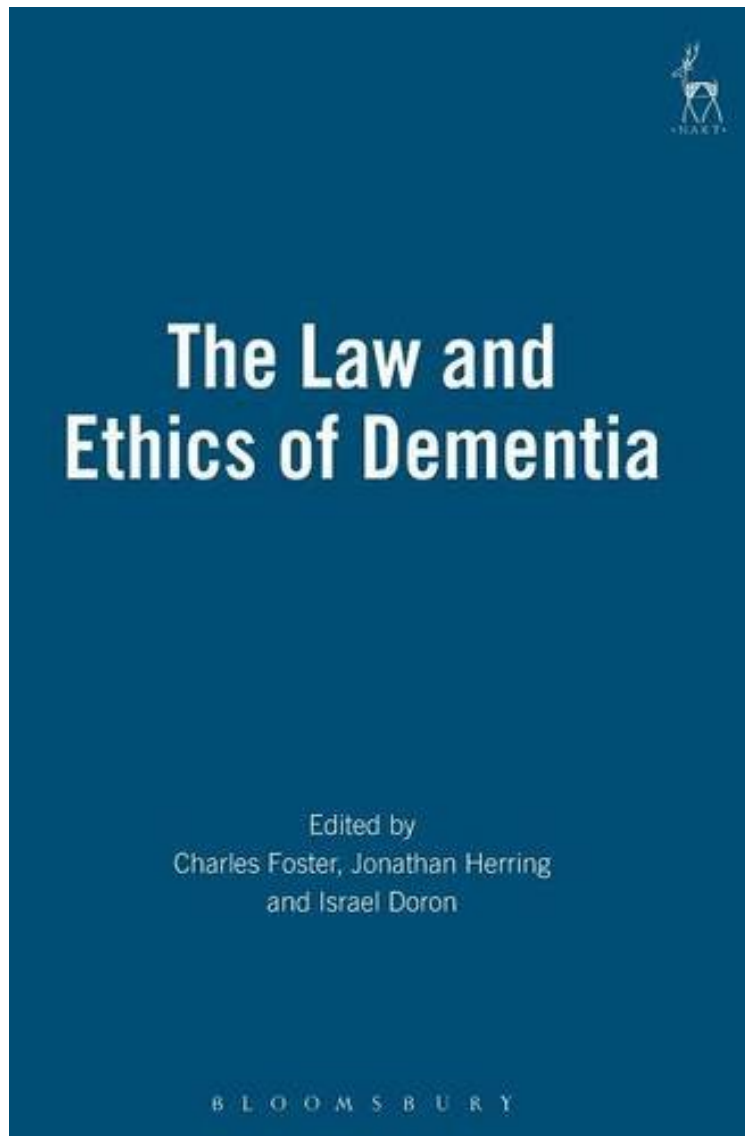



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From Hart Publishing : The Law and Ethics of Dementia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Law and Ethics of Dementia:

Dementia is a topic of enormous human, medical, economic, legal, and ethical importance. Its importance grows as more of the population lives longer. The legal and ethical problems it raises are complex, intertwined, and under-

discussed. This book brings together contributions from clinicians, lawyers, and ethicists - all of them world leaders in the field of dementia - and is a comprehensive, scholarly, yet accessible, collection of all the main (and many of the fringe) perspectives. The book begins with the medical facts/concerns: What is dementia? Who gets it? What are the current and future therapeutic and palliative options? What are the main challenges for medical and nursing care? The story is then taken up by the ethicists, who grapple with questions such as: Is it legitimate to lie to dementia patients if that is a kind thing to do? Who is the person whose memory, preferences, and personality have all been transformed by their disease? Should any constraints be placed on the sexual activity of patients? Are GPS tracking devices an unpardonable interference with the patient's freedom? These issues, and many more, are examined through legal lenses. The book closes with accounts from dementia sufferers and their carers. It will be a valuable resource for all those concerned with the law surrounding dementia.

The Law and Ethics of Dementia is a very big book - in every sense of the word. It has sat on my bedside table for a few months, where I have eyed it guiltily - put off by its size and weighty subject matter. I wish I hadn't. I picked it up one Sunday morning a few weeks ago, intending to read one or two articles, and found I could not put it down. The chapters I read (and I have, by now, read most of them) were well written, and the perfect length to convey an idea well and clearly. The chapters are accessible enough for somebody who is new to this field to read and understand, whilst still exploring cutting edge questions that will interest people who are familiar with these issues. In short, this book is a real chocolate box of well written and interesting articles. Although most of the articles consider UK law, several chapters offer a more international perspective, and the ethical and medical chapters will be of interest to readers around the world. The book could be of interest for those with personal experiences of dementia, not merely philosophers and lawyers. As I was going through, I used up an entire packet of sticky index tabs to flag up passages that I wanted to return. I suspect this is a book I will be re-reading and thinking about for years to come. (Lucy Series The Small Places Blog, December 2014) About the Author Charles Foster is a Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford and a practising barrister. Jonathan Herring is Professor of Law at the University of Oxford. Israel Doron is Head of the Department of Gerontology, University of Haifa.