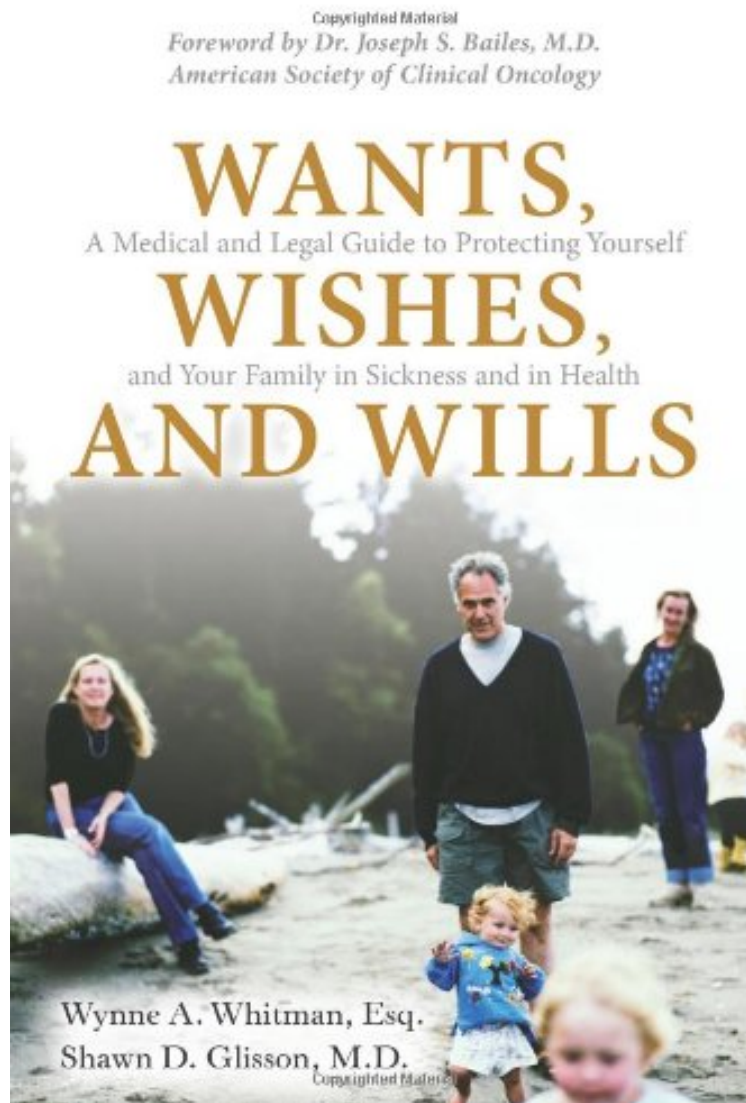


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It is a great reference book and quite practical. By Carol Walter. Everyone should have this book on their shelf to refer to for thoughtful information as the title suggests "Wants, Wishes, And Wills. It is a great reference book and quite practical. It encourages its reader to think through important life decisions ahead of time and share their desires with loved ones before it is too late, only complicating a difficult experience for loved ones. I appreciated most that they encouraged readers to write their own story to leave life lessons and personal experiences to loved ones, a wonderful gift my own dear father left in his beautiful journals kept for over 35 years. He speaks to me through those pages as only he could and I hope to do the same with the encouragement through this book. I also bought one for my brother. I am sorry it is out of print. Many people will miss out for lack of having it so available. Thank you.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some interesting info, but a lot of anecdotes to ... By Jus Sayin'. Some interesting info, but a lot of anecdotes to wade thru most of which didn't apply to me. The authors try to be humorous, but fall short, which caused me to skim and skip whole sections. (I've read several books on these topics and found this to be a common problem I think the intent is to lighten otherwise dry material, but we know it's dry, just say what you have to say.)

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An invaluable resource. By Maggie M. My mother-in-law lost her battle against ovarian cancer in December. If only my husband and I had this book when she was diagnosed! It contains so much helpful advice that could have made the past two years less of a nightmare. The book has great information on clinical trials and hospice. It also would have helped us make sure all the right legal documents were in place. If we'd had access to this information earlier on, I think we could have saved a lot of money on attorney fees. Since I'm in my late thirties, I've never given much thought to wills, etc. But after reading this book, and watching the whole Anna Nicole saga on TV, I understand how crucial it is to have the proper paperwork, and am in the process of having a will and other documents drawn up myself.

A terminal diagnosis... a life-threatening disease... recognition of one's own mortality... or simply planning ahead. All of these lead individuals to contemplate difficult end-of-life decisions. But, when they do, they find themselves confused, desperately seeking guidance: about living wills, health care proxies, and their own care, wishes, and affairs. Dr. Shawn D. Glisson and Wynne A. Whitman help people face these issues every day -- Glisson as a respected oncologist, Whitman as an experienced estate lawyer. Now, they've come together to give readers all the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. Glisson and Whitman help you answer questions like: How can I make sure I get the best possible care to fight my disease? How do I choose a health care representative to make decisions in light of continuing medical advances? How do I prepare a living will that accurately expresses my views on dying? How do I decide which care regimen is right for me? Will alternative therapies help me? What do I need to know about hospice care? Should I donate my organs, and if so, how? How do I communicate my wishes regarding my possessions? What's the best way to plan my estate and minimize my taxes? Above all, how do I make sure my wishes are followed? This book doesn't offer "one size fits all" answers. It provides the compassionate, up-to-date, plain-English guidance you need to decide for yourself... and stay in control of your life.

Estate attorney Whitman and oncologist Glisson trace the critical steps toward achieving peace of mind with end-of-life decisions. Death and terminal illness, say the authors, are too frightening, too depressing, to real to think about. We simply don't want to go there. But failure to share our wants, wishes and wills with our loved ones is an invitation to compound the tragedy of loss. This book succeeds in providing critical information for making intelligent choices and controlling your situation as death approaches. Separate chapters allow you to organize your personal health-care system, open the clearest lines of communication with your providers, learn the different point-of-death definitions to guide those charged with carrying out your intentions, understand the options regarding organ and tissue donation and gain a valuable overview of administering your estate. Appreciating that a legacy is more than legalisms and bureaucratic commands, Whitman and Glisson encourage readers to put down their thoughts, hopes and experiences, to leave a mark in the most personally meaningful way. Ease-making, step-by-step planning and background information necessary to accomplish your earthly goals after death. --Kirkus Business Personal Finance Newsletter (May 2007) ed in 2007 Nov CHOICE. Whether or not one acknowledges or plans for infirmity and mortality, nearly everyone will face illness and end-of-life decisions. Whitman, a practicing tax/trust/estates attorney, and Glisson (Univ. of Louisville), a medical oncologist/hematologist, deal with death and disease daily. This book allows them to share their collective experience and knowledge to guide individuals preparing to face the difficult end-of-life decisions that must be made. It provides readers with the critical information necessary for making intelligent choices and controlling their lives, health, and death. This well-written book is divided into six sections, each of which addresses a different subject, e.g., estates and finances, and the legacies one wishes to leave behind. Each section offers a chapter dedicated to the individual's wants (what one doesn't have), wishes (what one desires), and wills (one's choices). For those who wish to take control of complicated decisions related to health and medical situations, medical legal affairs, and legacy, this work is an excellent resource. Summing Up: Highly recommended. General readers and professionals/practitioners.--L. N. Massengale, Johns Hopkins University From the Back Cover Take Control of Your Medical Care, Your Estate Planning, and the Legacy You Leave Includes checklists, examples, definitions, ideas, and a

plain- English glossary of the terms you need to understand Whether you are single, married, old, young, parent, or child, this book will be useful. The authors' combination of medical and legal expertise make this an exceptionally comprehensive guide for thinking through important health, end-of-life, and estate planning issues that we all face. It certainly helped me open a dialogue with my family and spurred me to take control of my own wants, wishes, and wills.-Cynthia J. Smith, Lecturer, Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business and Department of Anthropology Over many years of helping patients and families deal with the end of their lives, I am always struck by how hard it is to face that inevitable event. Thinking straight when you can makes sense. Wants, Wishes, and Wills can help you do it now. Tomorrow is already here.-Deborah Y. Kamin, PhD, Senior Director of Cancer Policy and Clinical Affairs, American Society of Clinical Oncology Wants, Wishes, and Wills is a must read' for anyone needing to access the U.S. health care system.-Vickie Yates Brown, President-Elect (2007-2008), American Bar Association Health Law Section As you read the sound advice from Wynne Whitman and Dr. Shawn Glisson, think about your own life circumstances. Think about your family, friends-and yourself. Remember that thinking about its end may be the most eloquent way to celebrate your life.-from the foreword by Dr. Joseph S. Bailes, M.D., Medical Oncologist, Co-Chair, Government Relations Council, American Society of Clinical Oncology A terminal diagnosis...a life-threatening disease... recognition of one's own mortality...or simply planning ahead. These all lead individuals to contemplate difficult end-of-life decisions. But when they do, they find themselves confused, desperately seeking guidance: about Living Wills, about health care proxies, about their own care, wishes, and affairs. Dr. Shawn D. Glisson and Wynne A. Whitman, Esq., help people face these issues every day- Glisson as a respected oncologist, Whitman as an experienced estate lawyer. Now, they've come together to give readers all the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. The authors provide compassionate, up-to-date, plain-English guidance you need to decide for yourself and stay in control of your life. Understand your choices and take control of them Know your options and make sure your decisions are respected Know the law-before it's too late Understand directives, health care proxies, Living Wills, and powers of attorney