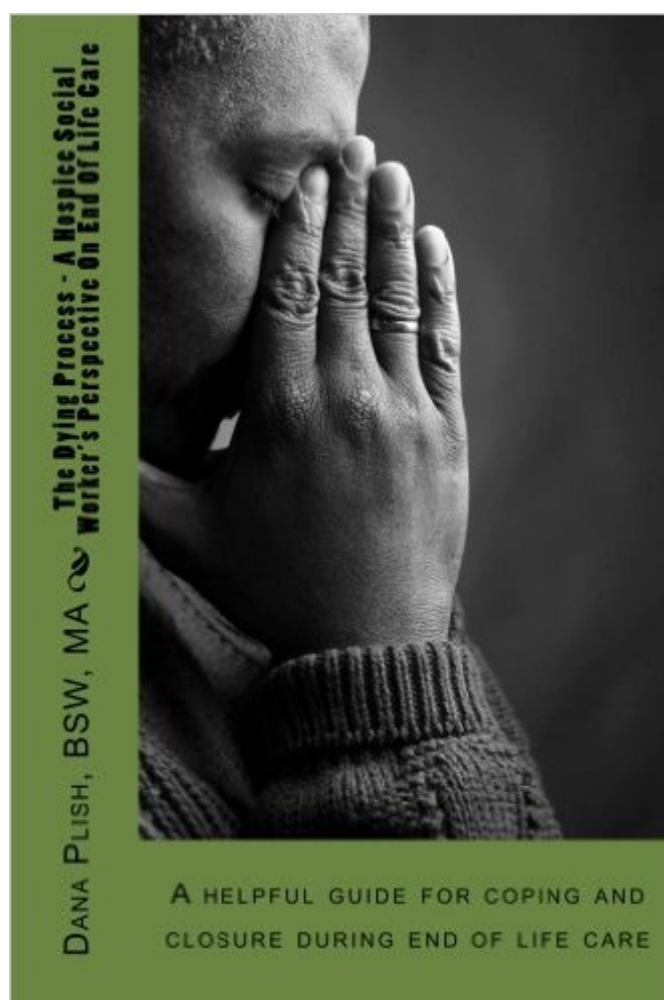


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# The Dying Process - A Hospice Social Worker's Perspective On End Of Life Care: A Helpful Guide For Coping And Closure During End Of Life Care



## Synopsis

The Dying Process - A Hospice Social Worker's Perspective On End Of Life Care, provides a detailed exploration of issues pertaining to patient and family grief reactions, the duration and preparation for death, closure support needs, understanding pain, pain management and avenues to create a positive death experience for both the patient and family. Over a decade of work in the hospice field, author and social worker, Dana Plish offers professional insight regarding his experiences with patients and families who are in the dying process. He elaborates on the process of death which impacts family coping, patient and family closure, barriers to acceptance, and examines negative and positive death processes. He concludes with ways in which family can aid the patient during life to death transition and support ongoing bereavement and grief needs. Dana comments on patient grief related to the loss of pets and supporting patient closure with their pets when possible. Dana has worked in the social services field for 30 years and he presents the subject matter in a simple, easy to read and understand format which serves as a practical guide for anyone who has a loved one in the dying process.

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A very realistic book on how to approach and deal with a period of transition that all of us will face one day with family, friends and ourselves. One does not often think about this journey and all that it involves until we are suddenly faced with the reality that it is now our time to live and understand it. This book is simply written and is easily understood for all that choose to take the time to read it and give it some thought. A must read for all involved in any type of hospice work.

Having recently finished my CNA training and hoping to go into the field of Hospice Care I found this writing a great first step in becoming familiar with caring for women and men (and sometimes young folks). Empathy, comfort, being there to listen to the needs of those entering the final stages in their journey through life is not only a challenge, but a reward in itself. Read and learn that we are all in this together. Thank you Dana Plish for helping me start what I can only describe as a deliberate and joyful calling to be a help to those who can no longer help themselves.

Written more for professional caregivers than for family members, this book still has some good information and observations regarding the situation of patients approaching death. There is a great deal of spirituality-based discussion, unfortunately focused only on Christianity. An editor would have been helpful, though the errors (e.g., patient's instead of patients) were not overly distracting to me.

My husband is terminal, and this short book has provided some insight into what is ahead of us. Thank you for your thoughts and advice to the caregiver family. hope I can remember some of this when it all happens.

I just returned this book. I appreciate the author's efforts to share his thoughts on such an important topic; however, the quality of the writing and editing was incredibly poor. The information in the book is also very basic. It will not be interesting or helpful for professionals already somewhat versed in end of life care.

A 5 star book! Very informative and compassionate. This is a great book not only for Medical Professionals but for the general public. This book would be very beneficial for families trying to cope with end of life and terminal illnesses. It is an extremely helpful guide to to help patient's and families through this very difficult and emotional time. This book will help people recognize the need for self-care and supporting an ideology that will overflow to those of whom we care for.

This was a great book. Full of down to earth and spiritual insights into the experience of death and dying and how to view hospice. Really captured that hospice work is a calling as much as a vocation.

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