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An invaluable reference for parents of unwell or hospitalized children by a skilled psychosocial counselor. To many parents, it is hard to imagine a far more upsetting reality than one where the youngster is hospitalized, severely sick, or terminally ill. *When Your Child is Ill* is a very important guide to handling the myriad useful and emotional complications of an impossible situation. She provides professional advice to guide them through the hospital setting, at-home treatment, and long-term outcomes. She alerts parents to key personnel in the hospital, gives dialogue prompts to help parents ask for the help they need, addresses the needs of their other children at home, offers information on how to best utilize friends and family who want to help, includes stories from other families who have been there, and teaches coping ways to help both parents and kids weather the strain of prolonged illness and even loss of life. Breyer's actionable techniques and direct advice will help parents feel more in-control of a circumstance that has upended their lifestyle. In *WHENEVER YOUR Child is Ill*, psychosocial counselor Joanna Breyer distills years of experience dealing with sick kids and their families right into a comprehensive guideline for navigating the uncharted and frightening terrain.



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Exceptional resource for parents of kids with cancer Oh, how I wish this were available 2 yrs ago when my grandson was identified as having leukemia. There are also chapters about what comes after. I have already bought a couple copies to leave on the hematology oncology floor of Riley Hospital for Children where my grandson is definitely a patient. It is divided into easy to understand chapters so you only have read what you need to understand at each different stage. And also specific factors for different age ranges. Every pediatric oncologist should give it to parents combined with the diagnosis. Many thanks, Dr Breyer. It is not a medical direct, which is what you usually get from the doctor, but a useful guide in what to anticipate and how to deal with all the issues. Discusses the logistics and monetary impact of childhood disease, and the wide variety of family designs and cultures. Her knowledge and her experience make it solid gold for parents facing significant medical issues with their children. The writer demystifies hospitals and jargon for family members and provides dozens of types of how households can connect to medical necessities and personnel while keeping their child's emotional needs at heart. Brings in the latest medical thinking on dealing with pediatric cancers from the family's perspective while also producing the reserve useful for families dealing with other medical conditions, such as accidents. Every page shines with her mild depictions of how real children, true siblings, and real individuals have dealt with disease, treatment, survivorship, and loss of life. An essential book for the families of very ill children No-one should ever need this reserve, but since some family members carry out, it's a blessing that Joanna Breyer has written it. Deserves an extended shelf life and many editions in libraries, hospitals, and doctors' offices. As inspiring as it is useful.



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