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*The Last Childhood* is of immense help and value to anyone who is in the position of  
having to look after a sufferer." —JUDITH HAYES, author of *Days for Jeta*



# THE LAST CHILDHOOD

A FAMILY STORY  
OF  
ALZHEIMER'S

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## **The Last Childhood: A Family Story of Alzheimer's**



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When Carrie Knowles and her siblings learned that their mother was suffering from Alzheimer's, they joined a lot more than 50 million other US citizens who are providing long-term treatment to an Alzheimer's victim in their family members. Whether you certainly are a kid, spouse, relative, or friend of a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, whether you are the main caregiver or not, this reserve will be a great source of motivation and support. She speaks frankly about the emotional toll the disease can have on caregivers, explains what things to expect as the condition progresses through its phases, illustrates through her personal experience the numerous decisions families must make on the way, and provides details on such topics as: Understanding the symptoms of Alzheimer's Communicating successfully with the patient's doctor Deciding who in your loved ones will be the principal caregiver Learning to be a legal guardian for your ailing spouse or relative Choosing an assisted living center Letting go of negative feelings such as for example guilt and regret Taking care of the caregiver Written with compassion and empathy, and recognizing that the battle with Alzheimer's is under no circumstances an easy one, *The Last Childhood* will keep you feeling comforted, enlightened, and hopeful. *WITHIN THE LAST Childhood*, Knowles presents the first reasonable tone of voice on what it's like to maintain this position.



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Helpful Perspective about Alzheimer's Disease Carrie Knowles shared an array of powerful thoughts, feelings and feelings about the trip with her mother's Alzheimer's disease. Former Hospice Director of Clinical Operations This book is so well written, I felt it . As she threaded her lifestyle with that of her siblings and her mother, she uncovered how this disease differs every day for every person, both the sufferer and the family or caregivers. I was disrupted in my reading closer to the last one fourth of the reserve where suddenly she inserted info on how to proceed or watch for rather than finishing the story about her mother's disease before discussing guidelines for the caregiver and leading to the end. This book is so well crafted, I felt it gave voice to my own journey with my mom. Unexpected a reaction to the purchase of this book for my Kindle Before I read this publication, I knew this issue and was prepared to study from it. It's a quick read with a powerful punch disclosing the author's dedication to her mother as well as her love of life and deep compassion for not merely her mom but her whole family. History Hospice Director of Clinical Operations A true Life experience of a parent with Alzheimer's As a specialist who has worked in Assisted Living Communities for 15 years with adults Living with Alzheimer's, this book gives a TRUE, TRUE TO LIFE perspective in great detail as what it is like for a adult child to experience Life coping with a parent who has Alzheimer's. The Last Childhood Review This well-written story accurately & When you have a relative or friend with Alzheimer's or dementia you will discover comfort and encouragement. If you don't, you'll realize the importance of providing psychological or physical support to those that do. I appreciate tales which problem me to think. I wholeheartedly recommend that you examine this story. The Last Childhood: A FAMILY GROUP Story of Alzheimer's heartwrenching yet informative I actually thought it was an accurate portrayal of a mom's life with Alzheimer's through the personal journey of her girl. It had been personal. Highly recommend that this book is crucial read. overview of The Last Childhood Having a family member recently diagnosed with dementia, this book offered so much insight in to before and through the process. So many of the incidents she describes have happened with my very own mom and the learning for family members on dealing with this horrible disease is quite steep. This time I browse it from my gut - in the center of experiencing most of the things the author and her family went through.. Good Read Good read for anybody in medical profession.. Enlightening! This review is from: The Last Childhood: A Family Story of Alzheimer's (Paperback) This well-written story accurately & It's an instant read with a powerful punch disclosing the author's dedication to her mother as well as her sense of humor and deep compassion for not only her mom but her entire family. poignantly depicts day to day, year to year, existence of someone you care about with dementia -Alzheimer's, to be exact -the apparently limitless saga of the erratic lack of brain function. Essential read for family members and caregivers as well! Ms. No-one ever thinks or programs that a parent in their Life would have Alzheimer's and the effect that it has on the the person themselves and their family members. The book is true and is quite true to Life from what can occur next and what will not happen next. It will provide smiles and tears. This book is indeed clearly written that you are feeling you are part of this family members and all that they had to endure to provide Love, endurance and understanding to the girl in their Life that gave them Lifestyle. When the author finally realizes it's easier to enjoy what the individual can still experience instead of lament what is lost, she is in a position to care for her mom in a better way. Knowles effortlessly required me on a rocky journey for her and her family members with grace and design. More than merely sharing her story, she shares her humanity and the experience of dealing with social, institutional and scientific biases that sometimes forget the person and their family members while searching for symptoms to take care of. I didn't expect for this to carry my attention from starting to end. That is a well crafted must-read for everyone atlanta divorce attorneys family dealing with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. I couldn't put the reserve down because not merely was it filled with powerful emotions of this long, sluggish descent into mind decay, but she celebrated the tiny connections she could cherish. I have recommended this reserve to several people. Gives good insight into what it is like for a family group to support a person with Alzheimer's. Overall, I must say i enjoyed the

book, also through the heartache of yet another family. Essential read. A story that's from the heart - with practical assistance for all We read - and appreciated - The Last Childhood when it arrived in print a couple of years back. That's when I read it with my human brain and thought I understood it. It was not as well "medical". poignantly depicts daily, year to year, existence of someone you care about with dementia -Alzheimer's, to be exact -the apparently countless saga of the erratic lack of brain function. Essential read for family members and caregivers alike! Helpful Information This book was helpful in letting me know some of the issues I'd face with a family member who has Alzheimer's disease. An interesting book and good resource.



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