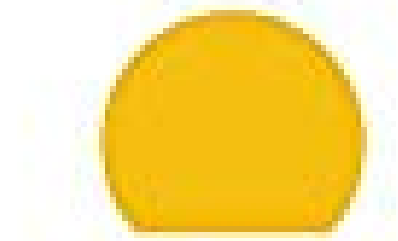


# *At Peace*



Choosing a Good Death  
After a Long Life

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## **At Peace: Choosing a Good Death After a Long Life**



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The authoritative, informative, and reassuring guide on end-of-life care for our aging population. A lot of people say they wish to die quietly at home. Harrington emerged to recognize that the American health-care system wasn't made to deal with the aging population with care and compassion. Many undergo painful procedures rather than having the better and more peaceful death they are worthy of. AT PEACE outlines particular active and passive methods that older patients and their health-treatment proxies can take to ensure family members live their last days comfortably in the home and/or in hospice when further intense treatment is inappropriate. how to acknowledge a terminal diagnosis even when the doctor is not clear about it; Samuel Harrington's own experience with the maturing and deaths of his parents and of dealing with sufferers, he describes the terminal patterns of the six most common chronic diseases; Through Dr. how to have the hard discussion about end-of-existence wishes; His work as a hospice trustee and later on as a hospital trustee drove his interest for helping patients make appropriate end-of-lifestyle decisions. when to get hospice treatment; and how to deal with dementia and other unique issues. Informed by a lot more than thirty years of clinical practice, Dr. But overly intense medical advice, coupled with an unrealistic feeling of invincibility or overconfidence in our health-care system, results in the majority of elderly patients misguidedly dying in organizations. how to minimize painful treatments;



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Yes, DO go lightly into that good evening. As a physician and a boomer, I recommend this book to both physicians and boomers, aswell as to anyone with aging parents or an aging body. Dr. Harrington guides the reader through the elaborate issues encircling chronic and terminal illnesses and how they invariably conclude. He emphasizes that we can select a peaceful, comfortable, dignified death and shows us how exactly to do it. We strongly suggest reading this book just before it's too late. It is empowering and reassuring.. I thought this was well-written, personal, and thought-provoking and also have put it out for my patients to read. I wish this publication had been available 15 years back when my dad was dying. He spent 90 days in a variety of hospitals receiving a lot more invasive procedures. I have read the publication once with interest, and will keep it as a reference -- it is well indexed and the reference list is quite useful. Well crafted and thoughtful, and well-organized, the book covers all the details of maturing and dying. Dr. Harrington provides in his book basic and essential details relating to the procedures of maturing and disease progression. That is "must reading" for each baby-boomer -- actually for everyone. I wish this book have been available 15 years back . Practical and sensitive guide to end of life care. I came across this book to be a very clear and calm description of the finish of life process -- what goes on to the body from within and without. The author, a physician, is refreshingly practical, sensitive, and humble. My mom and I approved them on the doctors' recommendations, thinking we were "performing the right thing. Why the coffin nails? Why do they nail coffins shut? It is a great book. There is a resource because of this, which proves, through this book, to be Harrington. He is an incisive oracle who synthesizes his parents' end of life program, his medical career, and his long involvement with a non-profit hospice organisation, into apparent communication for ordinary people. I grew up by a physician who was simply raised by a physician, and I know that there surely is nothing Dr. I recently wrote my own personal advanced directives using many of Dr. The problem is that this subject matter offers been inaccessible to us nonphysicians, and we need the information and guidance. At Peace is a must read. One to maintain as a reference, one to pass around to friends. You will be sending copies to your friends. We are in need of, also, to arrange for living the last years of our lives. Samuel Harrington's publication, "At Peace: Choosing an excellent Death After an extended Lifestyle," explores the six most common chronic diseases that result in death in America (congestive heart failure, malignancy, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, stroke, dementia, and diabetes),

how exactly to recognize when one of these ailments is nearing its natural conclusion, and what choices an individual might have apart from the aggressive care steps medicine offers. He talks about both his professional encounter managing death as a gastroenterologist and also the personal development he experienced assisting his parents face end-of-life choices.. I'd encourage other providers to accomplish the same. At Peace...essential read!On the coffin lids, there is a punchline in "At Peace" that i gained't steal. Dr. Harrington's book comes as well past due for my parents, but others will certainly benefit from his wisdom. He also explains methods to profoundly enhance the likelihood of achieving a peaceful death. An essential guidebook to understanding end-of-existence options and decisions I highly recommend Dr. It's thoughtful, beautifully written, compassionate and has offered me with useful information regarding how exactly to help her make decisions about her health care and the rest of her life. As good as "Being Mortal" This is a significant and timely book. Having helped my husband have a "good death", with Dr. I could imagine that when I need to use the information the lists is a welcome reference, and a way to share my wants with my children and medical caregivers. That is a book for individuals who desire to resist overmedicalization at the end of existence, and the ones who support them. I'm hoping to organize small groups to discuss this book. Things to Remember/Things to Consider After reading a library copy of the book, I purchased a copy for my ongoing reference. The information is well organized and supported with a summary list of "What to remember/Issues to consider" by the end of each chapter. These lists by itself make this a very good go through. Harrington's and hospice support, I am recommending this reserve to everyone I know. It has been a very useful guide, a bible of sorts, as I have a problem with three family situations, which are resolved in this book. Dr. Harrington has supplied a tool that I can use to consider charge of my own experience. I liked it so much Bought 2 copies, I liked it so very much. Dr. Harrington's publication.I'll continue steadily to suggest my friends of all ages read this book, as the thing we know for sure is that every last one of us will die. I am hoping to utilize the many strategies in the reserve for myself and family members, and I am hoping in the potential I can be useful posting a different perspective to friends. He uses his personal and professional experiences to explain complicated aspects of health care for the elderly and to clearly represent your options that are obtainable to make end-of-existence decisions. Harrington says that either of them would have been amazed by, much less disagree with. This is a book that anybody who has already reached "old age" should read.To fully understand the reply, lay people, like me, need to know a lot that people don't about the medical "conveyor belt" that may take over, and ruin, our last stage of existence. I do not treatment what position the author takes on the problem however the subject is worthy of exploration. Harrington's

reserve brings to mind a famous outdated saying - "Give no more to death, than loss of life itself" - and sets forth a scholarly path for confronting that instant in life which involves all of us. Harrington is a great communicator and this is a very useful reserve for all those who will eventually grow old and need to know how exactly to manage that in a thoughtful and independent way. Required Reading for everybody A balanced and good description of what may (and could) happen to all of us and the options we have to consider, this book should be required reading for everybody. Read it. all families I've been postponing reading this book that's been on my longer list of must-reads. I shouldn't have. THAT IS an important publication! For all of us. The topic - dying, will touch all of us at some point in our life, so why not really make it better. Sounds strange I know, but it is that important. Harrington's book can be an welcome antidote that teaches a kind realism for understanding the end of life and how exactly to arrive there ourselves or help our family members arrive there with grace and dignity, and without having to be medicalized to death. Five stars This book prepares us for what lies ahead for every human being The author does not fully explore the options available in choosing an excellent death. . Harrington has written a thoughtful, heartfelt, and important book that offers a new method for us to comprehend and face the unavoidable with grace and ease and comfort. This book is merely very incomplete. It really is well organized, that makes it is simple and quick to get the relevant discussions. "Why would I want to repair something that will probably carry me away just how I wish to go?" A quotation from the author's dad (mid-high 80's) that helped crystalize the many ideas in the book. The father's message, which we probably all share - he did not want a lingering death, a medicalized loss of life and a ruptured aneurysm held an intellectual appeal for him for the reason that regard. The book offers several different ideas I bet you hardly ever considered, that are perfectly organic, yet today overlooked. Recommend. The book has strategies that are very often overlooked, ignored, not considered . How can you write a publication with this title without discussing assisted suicide's pluses and minuses? Thoughtful and compassionate Someone recommended this book when my 90 yr old mother began to decline. Several says and few whole countries right now allow it therefore they think therefore. that can help us, our families, friends, etc. If you are the ageing parent of adult children, read this publication and have the conversation with your adult kids a long time before any medical crisis. There is also 250 pages of extremely readable narrative which will make you understand the joke, and thereby equip you to more ably serve your family and yourself. Planning The Last Years and the ones of Our Parents Here is a reserve that everyone with parents in the seventies and eighties should go through and re-browse. Harrington's recommendations and recommendations. We plan for college. We plan our careers. Walter Dandy A Personal Journey

Dr. This book wisely and with experience helps us do this, with clear and concrete suggestions and options." Consequently, my father's struggling was prolonged and my mom was a wreck by the time my father died. Is it a great read? No. Nonetheless it is an important and thought-provoking read, talking about subjects that most families avoid, much to their long-term regret. Of all the life-management and self-improvement books out right now there, this has got to become one of the more serious, deep, and essential ones. Must read;



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