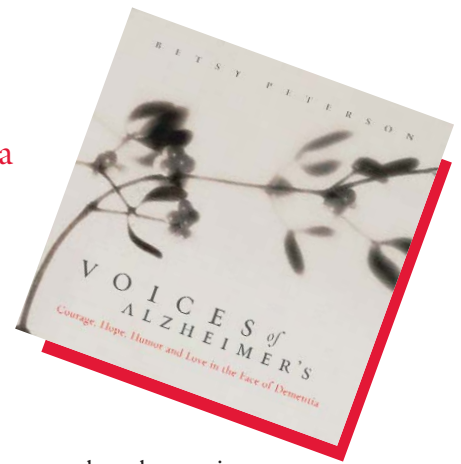


VOICES *of* ALZHEIMER'S

Courage, Humor, Hope, and Love in the Face of Dementia

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A Unique Resource

- Comments, insights, and encouragement from people living with Alzheimer's or another dementia.
- Many voices, moods, and reactions from people with a diagnosis of dementia, as well as families and friends.
- Accessible format of quotations.
- Resource section includes topics such as clinical trials, brain donation, end-of-life planning, grief, and hospice.

Ways to Use *Voices of Alzheimer's*

For people with dementia and their families:

- As a support group in book form—especially valuable to those who cannot or choose not to attend a support group.
- Give family members and friends a better understanding of the challenges—and of ways to help.

For facility and program directors, social workers, clergy, health care providers, and other professionals:

- Gain richer insights into family experiences over the course of the illness.
- Educate staff and volunteers, or as a “graduation present” on completion of a training program.
- Focus discussion in a support group.
- As a library resource.

As a marketing tool:

- As a gift to new clients.
- As the focus for an event (e.g., a panel of patients and family members reading selections).

A Few of the Selections from People with Dementia

My memory is impaired, not my intelligence. *Cathleen McBride*

Getting this news is not fun, and it does not make me happy, but it sure as hell beats getting run over by a car without being prepared. Now I can get on with living for whatever time is left. *Bill*

Has anyone told you about the rage? *Bart*

I may not remember the words my friends say, but I remember the way they made me feel. *Jan Mina*

This is very lonely disease. *Mary Lockhart*

It's not lonely, in so far as I have Jean and the family and the dogs... it's lonely because I haven't got Me. *Brian MacNaughton*

I've always been a fighter, and I sure as hell am not giving up now. *Bernie Riesman*

I know from the small glimpses of it that my mind has shown me so far that when I can no longer communicate with the world outside of my own mind, my brain will take me to a very peaceful calm gentle place... As the disease progresses for me, I understand better what care partners are talking about when they say their loved one doesn't respond. I know they have just gone to a peaceful, relaxing place in their minds where you're not bothered by what is happening around you. It's a place I find myself drifting to more often myself. *Doreen*

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