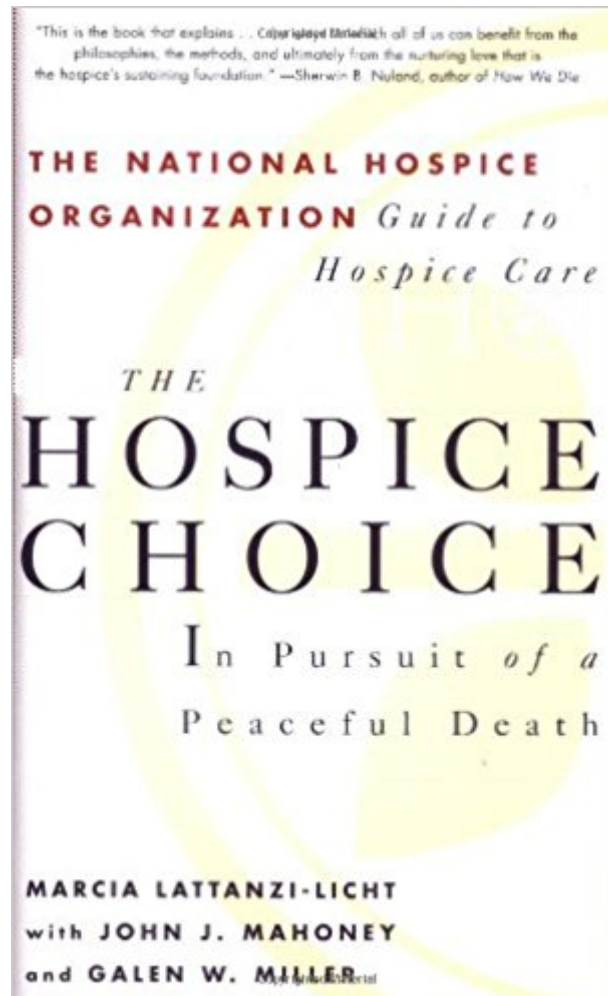




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# The Hospice Choice: In Pursuit Of A Peaceful Death



## Synopsis

Hospice is the primary system to provide care for the terminally ill and their families. Warm, compassionate, and absolutely practical, this definitive resource from the National Hospice Organization will answer all your questions about hospice care and will show you how to make this comprehensive and flexible system work for you and your family. The Hospice Choice illustrates the gamut of situations dying people and their families may face and suggests ways to manage them. Throughout is information on the broad range of services hospice can provide: Physicians and Nursing Services: to help with care specifically designed to keep the patient comfortable and at home Counseling Services: to help families and patients sort out their needs and responses Respite Services: to allow caregivers needed breaks Bereavement Counseling: to provide support for surviving family members and significant others for as much as a full year after loss The Hospice Choice also addresses sensitive issues like methods of payment, issues of ethnicity, the special problems raised by sudden death, and the realities of caregiver exhaustion. It will give you the concrete information, support, and encouragement that will help you make wise, compassionate decisions for yourself and for your loved ones.

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Shewerwin B. Nuland Author of *How We Die* This is the book that explains...the ways in which all of us can benefit from the philosophies, the methods, and ultimately from the nurturing love that is the hospice's sustaining foundation.

Maria Lattanzi-Light is an internationally known educator and speaker and a pioneer in the field of hospice care.

I felt that THIS book, should be a must-read for everyone approaching their Last Days. I am an OUTLIER --- I have exceeded everyone's expectations; I was NOT supposed to see my fortieth birthday --- just shy of one year ago, I celebrated my 65th. DEATH, is a subject everyone will encounter --- eventually. This book fully explains the ins-and-outs of HOSPICE, as it pertains to the medical insurance industry, particularly in regards to Medicare.

I found this book educational and easy to read. It provides a very clear picture of hospice and palliative care to the layperson. I wish that more physicians and their staff would read books like this so they could better prepare patients and their families for hospice care. I also wish I had read it before my mother died because I would have known better questions to ask our hospice and perhaps would have received better care for mom, myself and the rest of the family.

Great book, and a necessary read- especially for those of us living in death-fearing cultures. Having been a hospice volunteer for 13 years, I've seen a dramatic difference in end-of-life care when patients, their families, and their medical caregivers are educated on the hospice philosophy. It's a beautiful stage of life, the dying process, when handled with the respect every other stage of life deserves.

Great book for everyone. Everyone has to deal with death, unless they die extremely young. M. Lattanzi-Licht covers many difficult scenarios of death and dying. On p.179 Lattanzi-Licht says, "This reality is intensified when the child is caring for a dying parent and feels confounded by the magnitude of the tasks". Get the book and read more!!!

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