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**The Loss of a Life Partner** Carolyn Ambler Walter, 2003-03-05 Although there is extensive research on the loss of a spouse predominantly focusing on the experiences of widows much less attention is paid to bereaved partners not married to their significant other whether or not the partners are of the same sex This first of its kind work explores both socially sanctioned and disenfranchised grief highlighting similarities and differences Combining a discussion of various theories of grief with personal narratives of grieving men and women drawn from numerous interviews and detailed case study analysis Carolyn Ambler Walter has produced a penetrating examination of the bereavement experiences of partners in varying types of relationships She views narratives of widows widowers and bereaved domestic gay and lesbian partners from a postmodern perspective that breaks away from the traditional belief that the living must detach themselves from the dead in order to move on with their lives Instead building on the works of postmodern grief theorists such as Klass Silverman and Nickman Walter views ongoing bonds with the dead as a resource for enriching functionality in the present and as a key to looking to the future *The Loss of a Life Partner* Carolyn Ambler Walter, 2003 Through discussions of various theories of grief narratives of the bereaved obtained in interviews with 22 men and women case study analysis and chapter summaries this text integrates the literature about and the bereavement experiences of partners in varying types of relationships

**Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan** Carolyn Ambler Walter, Judith L. M. McCoyd, 2009-03-23 Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan represents a significant advance because it looks at the issues from a bio psychosocial perspective To a social worker who has worked mainly in a medical and nursing environment this is a great step forward Bereavement Care Offers valued sensitivities knowledge and insights and most importantly age appropriate interventions for a range of significant losses Counselors will want to keep this indispensable work close at hand Kenneth J Doka PhD Author Counseling Individuals With Life Threatening Illness By taking a lifespan view this book fills a gap in the literature on loss and grief and takes theory and practice in new and invigorating directions It will be welcomed by those professionals of all disciplines who daily listen to and help re write narratives of loss Jeffrey S Applegate PhD Professor Emeritus Graduate School of Social Work Social Research Bryn Mawr College A thorough thoughtful sensitive and up to date contribution that may be the best book available today for teaching bereavement grief and mourning Highly recommended for experienced grief professionals as well as for students Jeffrey Kauffman MA MS LCSW BD CT CAS BCETS Psychotherapist in private practice Philadelphia PA Walter and McCoyd have written a well organized and comprehensive examination of grief and bereavement that will be useful to the seasoned professional as well as the student new to grief and loss The historical analysis of grief theory from classic to postmodern is interesting reading and essential for a full understanding of grief and loss in modern society Paige E Payne MS MSW LSW Support Services Manager PinnacleHealth Home Care and Hospice Harrisburg PA Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan is unique in its treatment of grieving patterns and intervention strategies for different age groups With this book

students and practitioners will learn how grief is influenced by biological responses to stress psychological responses to loss as well as social norms and support networks The authors utilize a developmental framework as each level of development from infancy through old age is addressed in four ways Reviews normal developmental issues abilities and challenges for the age in question Analyzes how individuals of each age cope with serious loss of a significant other and how they may experience life threatening illness themselves Examines how significant others react to and mourn the death of someone in that age range Identifies the normative losses a person is likely to experience and addresses protective and risky ways of coping with those losses The authors review important grief theories such as postmodern and Dual Process Theory and discuss current topics in grief including continuing bonds meaning making ambiguous loss and disenfranchised loss With the help of this book practitioners and students of grief counseling can learn to help patients of all ages understand that loss is at the heart of life and growth

*Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan, Second Edition* Carolyn Ambler Walter, Judith L. M. McCoyd, 2015-09-11 Praise for the First Edition This book represents a significant advance because it looks at the issues from a bio psychosocial perspective To a social worker who has worked mainly in a medical and nursing environment this is a great step forward Bereavement Care Offers valued sensitivities knowledge and insights and most importantly age appropriate interventions for a range of significant losses Counselors will want to keep this indispensable work close at hand Kenneth J Doka PhD Author Counseling Individuals With Life Threatening Illness This unique text for undergraduate and master s level social work and counseling courses on loss grief and bereavement is distinguished by its biopsychosocial perspective and developmental framework The book addresses grieving patterns and intervention strategies according to the life trajectory and provides clinical intervention tools and strategies for coping according to the developmental stage of an individual It incorporates losses beyond death loss with special focus on losses related to maturational development The second edition reflects new research that has clarified and underscored the value of theories examined in the first edition particularly in the areas of continued bonds disenfranchised grief and ambiguous grief It describes how grieving is influenced by biological responses to stress psychological responses to loss and social norms and support networks The second edition includes significant new information on trauma and resilience and addresses the use of mindfulness practices with grief and loss It focuses on the changing role of technology including expressions of grief and loss in social media and public forums Updated information is provided regarding hospice and palliative care along with housing issues in aging A completely new chapter examines grief and loss counseling with emerging adults and changes in the DSM 5 are covered as well Additional new features include chapter objectives discussion questions an instructor s manual PowerPoint slides and updated resources New to the Second Edition New information on trauma and resilience Using mindfulness practices with grief and loss Updated theory and empirical findings The changing role of technology in grief Expressions of grief and loss in social media and public forums Transitions due to economic and health changes Changes in the DSM 5 New chapter on emerging

adults ages 18-25 Instructor's manual and PowerPoint slides New information on hospice palliative care and aging Housing issues in aging disability New information on issues facing young and older US veterans and families Updated resources Chapter objectives and discussion questions Key Features Uses a developmental framework for grief and loss Incorporates notions of loss beyond death including unique maturational losses Integrates new grief theories with empirical findings and intervention techniques Utilizes neurobiological and biological information within a counseling text Focuses on non-pathologizing approaches to sadness loss and grief

**Living Through Loss** Nancy R. Hooyman, Betty J. Kramer, Sara Sanders, 2021-08-31 Living Through Loss provides a foundational identification of the many ways in which people experience loss over the life course from childhood to old age It examines the interventions most effective at each phase of life combining theory sound clinical practice and empirical research with insights emerging from powerful accounts of personal experience The authors emphasize that loss and grief are universal yet highly individualized Loss comes in many forms and can include not only a loved one's death but also divorce adoption living with chronic illness caregiving retirement and relocation or being abused assaulted or otherwise traumatized They approach the topic from the perspective of the resilience model which acknowledges people's capacity to find meaning in their losses and integrate grief into their lives The book explores the varying roles of age race culture sexual orientation gender and spirituality in responses to loss Presenting a variety of models approaches and resources Living Through Loss offers invaluable lessons that can be applied in any practice setting by a wide range of human service and health care professionals This second edition features new and expanded content on diversity and trauma including discussions of gun violence police brutality suicide and an added focus on systemic racism

**Family Ties and Aging** Ingrid Arnet Connidis, 2010 This advanced textbook covers issues of family ties and aging broadly the goal being to provide an integrated and thorough representation of what we know from the current research Whereas books on families and aging have traditionally focused on ties to a spouse and to children and grandchildren Family Ties Aging is more extensive and more reflective of contemporary society The text includes groups and relationships that typically receive short shrift exploring such neglected populations as single divorced and childless older people and their family relationships as well as sibling relationships among the elderly live in partnerships not formalized by marriage and the kinds of family ties forged by gay and lesbian persons over the life course The book weaves the vast range of information we now have about the many facets of family relationships and aging into a critical comprehensive and integrated whole

*Counting Our Losses* Darcy L. Harris, 2011-01-19 This text is a valuable resource for clinicians who work with clients dealing with non-death nonfinite and ambiguous losses in their lives It explores adjustment to change transition and loss from the perspective of the latest thinking in bereavement theory and research The specific and unique aspects of different types of loss are discussed such as infertility aging chronic illnesses and degenerative conditions divorce and separation immigration adoption loss of beliefs and loss of employment Harris and the contributing authors consider these from an

experiential perspective rather than a developmental one in order to focus on the key elements of each loss as it may be experienced at any point in the lifespan Concepts related to adaptation and coping with loss such as resilience hardiness meaning making and the assumptive world transcendence and post traumatic growth are considered as part of the integration of loss into everyday life experience

**Handbook of the Sociology of Emotions** Jan Stets, Jonathan H. Turner, 2007-02-25 For almost thirty years sociologists have increasingly theorized about and conducted research on human emotions Surprisingly it was not until the 1970s that the sociology of emotions emerged as a coherent field of inquiry What makes this late date surprising is that it is now obvious that human behavior interaction and organization are driven by emotions It was an immense oversight for emotions to be de emphasized in sociological theorizing and research for most of its 175 year history Since the 1970s however the study of emotions has accelerated and is now at the forefront of sociological analysis This book is designed to bring the reader up to date on the theory and research traditions that have proliferated in the analysis of human emotions Key figures who have carried the sociology of emotions to its current level of prominence review their own work and the work of others who have made contributions to a particular approach to the study of emotions The outcome is a comprehensive book that serves as a primer on the cutting edge of sociological work in what is obviously a key dynamic in human affairs The first section of the book addresses the range of emotions and how they can be classified the neurological underpinnings of emotions and the effect of gender on emotions The second section reviews the prominent sociological theories of emotions including theories emphasizing power and status rituals identity and self psychoanalytic dynamics exchange expectation states and evolution While there is little integration among these theories this state of affairs will not last forever The third section addresses theory and research on specific emotions such as love jealousy and envy empathy sympathy anger grief and the moral emotions While this list does not exhaust the range of human feeling they are central emotions that drive human behavior interaction and social organization The last section explores how the study of emotions has added new insight into other subfields within sociology such as the study of the workplace health and social movements These chapters illustrate how the sociology of emotions can provide new research and theory for the large numbers of specialties within sociology Although no book can completely cover a field even a relatively new one like the sociology of emotions this Handbook of the Sociology of Emotions comes close to being comprehensive The reader will come away with a greater appreciation for how far the sociology of emotions has developed and prospered over the last thirty years

**Narrative and Grief** Patricia English-Schneider, Deleasa Randall-Griffiths, 2023-05-15 Grief and loss are fundamental aspects of the human experience Narrative and Grief examines the desire to make sense out of the nonsensical by exploring specific stories of loss and grief spanning from the loss of a parent child or partner loss within larger family systems and ambiguous and anticipatory loss to broader cultural aspects of grief The autoethnographic essays in this book reflect on the unique and individual experiences of each contributor's story Simultaneously these essays reveal that although each grief

experience is unique it is also collective evoking broader cultural themes related to loss and grief Scholars of communication sociology and family studies will find this book of particular interest     *Attachment Narrative Therapy* Rudi

Dallos,2023-02-01 This textbook provides an up to date guide to the application of Attachment Narrative Therapy ANT a model that combines concepts and techniques from systemic family therapy narrative therapy and theory and attachment theory Edited and with contributions from leading practitioners of ANT this book brings together illustrations of its applications in a variety of clinical settings It offers practical guidance and the latest research from clinicians who are now advancing its application Another important feature is illustration of how practitioners have developed ANT to incorporate the latest ideas and methods from trauma theory and neuro biology It will provide a valuable new resource for practitioners teachers and students of systemic practice family therapy clinical psychology counselling and psychotherapy     The

Therapist in Mourning Anne Adelman,Kerry Malawista,2013-06-04 The unexpected loss of a client can be a lonely and isolating experience for therapists While family and friends can ritually mourn the deceased the nature of the therapeutic relationship prohibits therapists from engaging in such activities Practitioners can only share memories of a client in circumscribed ways while respecting the patient s confidentiality Therefore they may find it difficult to discuss the things that made the therapeutic relationship meaningful Similarly when a therapist loses someone in their private lives they are expected to isolate themselves from grief since allowing one s personal life to enter the working relationship can interfere with a client s self discovery and healing For therapists caught between their grief and the empathy they provide for their clients this collection explores the complexity of bereavement within the practice setting It also examines the professional and personal ramifications of death and loss for the practicing clinician Featuring original essays from longstanding practitioners the collection demonstrates the universal experience of bereavement while outlining a theoretical framework for the position of the bereft therapist Essays cover the unexpected death of clients and patient suicide personal loss in a therapist s life the grief of clients who lose a therapist disastrous loss within a community and the grief resulting from professional losses and disruptions The first of its kind this volume gives voice to long suppressed thoughts and emotions enabling psychologists psychiatrists counselors and other mental health specialists to achieve the connection and healing they bring to their own work     Living, Loving and Loss Brad DeFord,Richard Gilbert,2016-12-05 One of the unspoken

aspects of mourning concerns the ways that loss affects our intimate relationships and our sexual expressiveness This text opens these subjects for conversation with the aim of promoting the trust care and respect that enable us to be vulnerable It purposefully covers a range of topics including 1 the meaning of intimacy and the significance of sexuality providing a basis for the use of these terms throughout the book 2 death grief and differences in sexual orientation including death and intimacy in the lesbian gay bisexual and transgender LGBT community and the losses endured by young people due to gender issues 3 loss of relationship and restoration of intimacy in families including pharmacological effects on the grief

processes of widowers grieving a not so loved parent the layered losses of infertility and intimacy and the tolls of war intimacy and sexuality challenges for soldiers and their families 4 adjusting to life's losses associated with aging or illness or infirmity including Alzheimer's and dementia related illnesses physical health losses after 50 and intimacy sex and hospice self determination and dignity at the end of life and 5 religious bases that have shaped our perspectives for understanding intimacy sexuality and healing after loss and which give us hope including the spiritual reflections of a rabbi and a Christian voice in defining what is right Set in a framework that is both psychological and spiritual the well researched contributions are intended to acknowledge these experiences both professionally and personally The book concludes with an extensive bibliography valuable for research and reference This book will be of value in undergraduate and graduate courses on thanatology as well as for anyone interested in knowing more about grief both those currently bereaved and those who wish to support others in mourning The contributors appreciate both the importance of our capacities for intimacy and sexuality and our inhibitions and hesitations in giving voice to our needs and concerns perhaps especially when we are grieving The information and compassionate understanding they provide encourage us to bridge the gap between the secret and the private and to share what is close to our hearts

**The Disenfranchised** Peggy Sapphire, Shirley Scott, 2016-12-05 The Disenfranchised Stories of Life and Grief When an Ex Spouse Dies offers an unprecedented anthology of never before published first person life histories by ex spouses whose grief has endured as disenfranchised socially unacknowledged untold and unrecognized Each story of disenfranchised grief is fiercely honest and courageously made public This anthology has no parallels in current texts academic literature or mainstream publications Contributors present personal histories revealing that the dimensions of disenfranchised grief are as individual as the writers who have endured this neglected aspect of grief and bereavement In many narratives the healing power of their creative processes through art and poetry is further revealed The anthology is compiled and edited by Peggy Sapphire MS Guidance and Counseling a writer living in Vermont Over the span of five years through phone conversations and written communications Ms Sapphire established trusting relationships with the contributors who though choosing to submit their work often struggled with reluctance even dread at revisiting previously private events in their lives and finally committing their stories to paper and ultimately to publication Each narrative is accompanied by a clinical commentary written by Shirley Scott MS certified Thanatologist which provides readers whether academic practitioner student or lay with reflections on the issues and patterns of disenfranchised grief as reflected by each narrative Included in each commentary are bibliographic references for further and advanced study The contributors represent an extraordinary range of professional achievements and academic credentials well published writers poets working artists educators academics mental health practitioners and health professionals

*Pastoral Care* Dr. Karen D. Scheib, 2016-02-16 Christian pastoral care is a narrative ecclesial theological practice NET As a narrative practice pastoral care attends to the inseparable interconnection between our own lifestories



others stories the larger cultural stories and God's story As a ministry of the church pastoral care is an ecclesial practice that derives its motivation purpose and identity from the larger mission of the church to bear witness to and embody God's mission of love that extends beyond the church for the transformation of the world As a theological practice pastoral care is grounded in God's love story God's profound love for humankind heals our brokenness when human love fails and invites us into an ongoing process of growth in love of God self and neighbor Intended for those who provide care with and on behalf of religious communities author Karen Scheib focuses on listening and restorying practices occurring in the context and setting of congregations By coauthoring narratives that promote healing and growth in love pastoral caregivers become cocreators and companions who help others revise and construct life stories reshaped by the grace of God What Karen Scheib has done in this book is to reposition pastoral care as a theological activity performed in the context of the church She draws deeply upon her Wesleyan theological heritage upon an understanding of life in its fullness as growth in love and grace and upon a communion ecclesiology undergirded by a communal understanding of the Trinitarian life of God Thus grounded she envisions pastoral care first as a rhythm of the life of the whole church and secondarily as a work of trained pastors In her vision pastoral care is rescued from a narrow understanding of it as exceptional acts of intervention performed only in moments of dire crisis Instead it becomes a daily practice of pastoral care an attending in love to the stories of others and a listening for ways God is already present in a life story Solidly theological grounded in the life of the church and eminently teachable Karen Scheib has given us a great gift in this book from the Foreword Thomas G Long Bandy Professor of Preaching Emeritus Candler School of Theology Emory University Atlanta GA In a wonderfully engaging reflective and useful way Karen Scheib captures something absolutely essential to pastoral care and yet often overlooked the utter centrality of storytelling listening the power of stories to heal and their vital connection to bigger stories told within religious communities This book is a real milestone reclaiming the importance of narrative knowing and grounding care not only in community but also within a comprehensive theological framework Bonnie J Miller McLemore E Rhodes and Leona B Carpenter Professor of Religion Psychology and Culture The Divinity School and Graduate Department of Religion Vanderbilt University Divinity School Nashville TN Implementing narrative personality and therapy theories and anchored in ecclesiology and Wesleyan theology NET Karen Scheib's book advances a long awaited and holistic approach to pastoral care Her NET approach presents the embodiment of pastoral care by emphasizing both narrative and paradigmatic knowing proposes the subjectivity of our stories in pastoral care by pointing out the interchangeability between us and our stories as subject and object and underscores the dynamic process of pastoral care through the interconnection of the storyteller listener and context Scheib's image of story companion contributes to the field as a new paradigm of pastoral care and promises to be a significant resource in generating hope and growth in love for both pastoral caregiver and receiver Angella Son Associate Professor Drew University Madison NJ Pastoral theologian Scheib describes a narrative ecclesial and theological approach for listening

to people's life stories in such a way as to engender spiritual formation and growth in love Scheib clarifies the connections between caring conversations and Christian theology Clear and accessible prose as well as helpful exercises and discussion starters make this a fine teaching text The Christian Century Sept 29 2016      *Trauma Counseling* Lisa Lopez Levers, 2012-03-15 A worthy addition to a graduate training bookshelf I was a bit daunted by the large almost 600 page book that landed on my desk but once I started reading it I had a hard time putting it down Melanie D Hetzel Riggins PhD Penn State Journal of Trauma and Dissociation This book is heavy in weight and heavy in substance It may be that you will not read this book from cover to cover but it is likely that you will jump in and out and often Illness Crisis and Loss Lisa Lopez Levers's work delivers an important contribution to enable beginning professionals to be familiarised with the basics of trauma and to provide specialists with her hidden gems of insight Her decision to cover trauma in its broadest sense allows her textbook to provide innovative insights into real world concepts such as hate racism oppression and evil in respect to trauma Intervention Trauma Counseling is a comprehensive multidisciplinary guide to the theory and treatment of survivors of a broad spectrum of traumatic events including interpersonal violence hate crimes school violence community violence natural disasters and war and terrorism It is written by a Fulbright scholar who is internationally recognized for her work with traumatized populations in Rwanda several southern African countries Russia and the United States It also includes the contributions of researchers from the United States Australia Africa and Europe The book discusses evidence based trauma assessment and intervention techniques and integrates the latest findings from neuropsychology and psychopharmacology It focuses on issues of loss and grief survivorship and disability genocide natural disasters the impact of war on civilians and veterans and the distinct effects of trauma in early childhood childhood and adolescence Also addressed are ethical perspectives and methods of self care for counselors who work with this population The text will be of value to graduate counseling students and professional counselors as well as social workers psychologists psychiatric nurses and other human service providers who will be able to attend to trauma survivors with a depth of knowledge and confidence The contents of Trauma Counseling not only fulfill but exceed the requirements of The Council of Accreditation and Counseling and Related Educational Program CACREP standards Key Features Addresses the theory and treatment of trauma survivors of interpersonal violence hate crimes school violence community violence natural disasters and war and terrorism Provides a multidisciplinary approach to treatment that integrates findings from neuropsychology and psychopharmacology Includes evidence based counseling techniques Illuminates the intersections of trauma crisis and disaster issues exceeding related requirements of CACREP standards Examines ethical dimensions and the need for self care among trauma counselors Emphasizes the relevance of clinical supervision in trauma care Offers topic relevant resources at the end of each chapter

*Sorrow's Long Road* Barbara Blatchley, 2025-09-16 After the research psychologist Barbara Blatchley's husband and partner of thirty six years passed away her life changed utterly Seeking to understand the pain and confusion she felt

Blatchley began exploring the psychology and neuroscience of bereavement Why does grief last so long and hurt so much How do we come to terms with loss In *Sorrow's Long Road* Blatchley interweaves an engaging and reader friendly look at the research on grief with her powerful personal narrative Beginning with the day of her husband's death she traces the questions that loss raised and the answers that science provides Blatchley examines the psychology of love and attachment detailing how we bond with others and what happens when those bonds are broken She considers the storm of emotions that the bereaved experience as well as both the physical and psychological effects of grieving Blatchley maps out how we adapt to the changes that loss brings and find a new identity afterward In addition to her own experiences she shares the stories of other people who have suffered a loss and struggled to recover illustrating how grief changes over time Accessibly written and deeply empathetic *Sorrow's Long Road* humanizes the science showing how psychology and neuroscience can help us make sense of the darkest times in our lives *Religion and Social Criticism* Bharat Ranganathan, Caroline

Anglim, 2024-02-20 This volume brings together emerging and established religious ethicists to investigate how those in the field carry forward the practice and tradition of social criticism and at the same time how social criticism informs the scholarly values of their field Contributors reflect on the nature of the moral subject and the ethical weight of human dignity and consider the limits and possibilities of religious humanism in orienting the work of social criticism They compare religious sources and forms of research in religious ethics to secular sources and the tradition of liberal social criticism And they offer proposals for how religious ethics can help humanists navigate our complex and multicultural moral landscape and what this field reveals about the ultimate ends of humanistic scholarship **A Union Like Ours** Scott Bane, 2023-06-29 An

example of how two men could precariously and passionately live together and love each other in the America of the 1930s and 1940s Colm T. Ibarra New York Times bestselling author of *The Magician* After a chance meeting aboard the ocean liner *Paris* in 1924 Harvard University scholar and activist F. O. Matthiessen and artist Russell Cheney fell in love and remained inseparable until Cheney's death in 1945 During the intervening years the men traveled throughout Europe and the United States achieving great professional success while contending with serious personal challenges including addiction chronic disease and severe depression Situating the couple's private correspondence alongside other sources Scott Bane tells the remarkable story of their relationship in the context of shifting social dynamics in the United States From the vantage point of the present day with marriage equality enacted into law Bane provides a window into the realities faced by same sex couples in the early twentieth century as they maintained relationships in the face of overt discrimination and the absence of legal protections A nuanced exploration of a marriage one characterized by great joy but also buffeted by tremendous conflict societal financial and health related R. Tripp Evans author of *Grant Wood: A Life* A smart sensitive study of a gay couple extremely readable *Gay Lesbian Review* An arresting account of how a same sex relationship endured *Library Journal*

*Lesbian Widows* Victoria Whipple, 2014-04-23 The unseen issues of grief and discrimination lesbians becoming widows

The death of a life partner poses unique challenges for lesbians. *Lesbian Widows Invisible Grief* reveals the touching and very personal stories of twenty five women including the author who were widowed at a young age and forced to create a new life without their life partners. The book follows the widows from the time the couple met to the time when one of the partners died and beyond to show how the surviving partner coped with her loss. Many lesbians feel that the intimacy felt between two women in love goes deeper than what can be experienced by heterosexual partners. *Lesbian Widows Invisible Grief* reveals themes common to all these women's experiences while offering practical advice about coping techniques and resources for support. The widows discuss their efforts to create funerals and memorial services, give their accounts of the overwhelming grief throughout the first two years, and explain the legal and financial discrimination they encountered. The author provides a chapter specifically for caring family and friends, another chapter for professionals working with this sensitive population, and a bibliography of helpful coping resources. *Lesbian Widows Invisible Grief* explores the topics of caregivers, caretaking, death and dying, grief journeys, the similarities and differences between lesbian and married widows, the lack of support services for lesbian widows, the legal and financial discrimination against lesbian widows, the effect of being in or out of a grief recovery, the issues faced by widows in starting new relationships, spirituality, gay marriage. *Lesbian Widows Invisible Grief* provides an insightful look into the grieving and recovery process, inspiring hope with the knowledge that others have survived this tragedy. This moving book is an essential resource for lesbians, friends and family of lesbians, mental health professionals, medical professionals, psychiatrists, LGBT health providers, feminist and lesbian organizations, and anyone involved with grief training programs such as hospice.

[Counseling Older People](#) Charlene M. Kampfe, 2015-01-12. This book provides insight into the primary issues faced by older adults, the services and benefits available to them, and the knowledge base, techniques, and skills necessary to work effectively in a therapeutic relationship. Dr. Kampfe offers empirically and anecdotally based strategies and interventions for dealing with clients' personal concerns and describes ways counselors can advocate for older people on a systemic level. Individual and group exercises are incorporated throughout the book to enhance its practicality. Topics covered include an overview of population demographics and characteristics, counseling considerations, and empowering older clients, successful aging, mental health and wellness, common medical conditions, multiple losses and transitions, financial concerns, elder abuse, veterans issues, sensory loss, changing family dynamics, managing Social Security and Medicare, working after retirement, age retirement transitions, losses and gains, residential options, and death and dying. Requests for digital versions from ACA can be found on [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com). To purchase print copies, please visit the ACA website. Reproduction requests for material from books published by ACA should be directed to [publications@counseling.org](mailto:publications@counseling.org).

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