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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

*Living Through Loss* Nancy R. Hooymann, 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

**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

**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

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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

**Family Ties and Aging** Ingrid Arnet Connidis, Amanda E. Barnett, 2018-10-05  
Providing an integrated and thorough representation from current research and contemporary society Family Ties and Aging  
shows how pressing issues of our time an aging population changing family structures and new patterns of work family  
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lesbian and gay adults and new forms of intimate relationships The Third Edition is thoroughly updated to include the latest  
research and theoretical developments recent media coverage of related issues and new information on intimate  
relationships in later life and elder neglect abuse

*Handbook of the Sociology of Emotions* Jan E. Stets, Jonathan H.  
Turner, 2007-10-10 Since the 1970s the study of emotions moved to the forefront of sociological analysis This book brings the  
reader up to date on the theory and research that have proliferated in the analysis of human emotions The first section of the  
book addresses the classification the neurological underpinnings and the effect of gender on emotions The second reviews  
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etc The final section shows how the study of emotions adds new insight into other subfields of sociology the workplace health  
and more

**The New Senior Man** Thelma Reese, Barbara M. Fleisher, 2017-10-06 The New Senior Man Exploring New  
Horizons New Opportunities fills a gap that is already huge and growing Where do men fit into the astonishing changes in  
both life expectancy and visibility of the aging boomers among us Unlike women who move into retirement years with a  
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new world the men whose narratives appear in this book are role models for each other and those who follow They seek more than advice about investments and improving their golf strokes Men from all walks of life tell us in their own words how they see the challenges and chances that lie ahead and within themselves and how they are taking full advantage of opportunities that re start living Each chapter presents a topic relevant to this later stage of life memory family dynamics sexual intimacy loss and independence among others Like a conversation among friends the book introduces readers to new ways of looking at the present and the future so that men may cultivate a lifestyle that not only suits them but supports a healthy rewarding and enjoyable reframing of life 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

*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

**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

*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

*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 unrecognised 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

**Grieving For Dummies** Greg Harvey, 2011-04-18 Coping and recovery strategies for dealing with the loss of a loved one Whether the death of a loved one



is sudden or expected grieving the loss is a difficult yet transformative process *Grieving For Dummies* approaches this very important subject with sensitivity helping readers who are grieving the loss of a loved one as well as those who want to support them in this process This compassionate guide covers all types of profound losses including parents spouses and partners children siblings friends and pets It also addresses children s grieving and how the manner of death may cause additional hurdles to grieving the loss The book is filled with practical suggestions for moving through the phases stages and tasks of grieving with an eye towards successfully integrating the loss of a loved one while at the same time keeping the love shared alive

*Death, Dying, and Bereavement* Judith Stillion, Thomas Attig, 2014-11-07 Delivers the collective wisdom of foremost scholars and practitioners in the death and dying movement from its inception to the present Written by luminaries who have shaped the field this capstone book distills the collective wisdom of foremost scholars and practitioners who together have nearly a millennium of experience in the death and dying movement The book bears witness to the evolution of the movement and presents the insights of its pioneers eyewitnesses and major contributors past and present Its chapters address contemporary intellectual institutional and practice developments in thanatology hospice and palliative care funeral practice death education and caring of the dying suicidal bereaved and traumatized With a breadth and depth found in no other text on death dying and bereavement the book disseminates the thinking of prominent authors William Worden David Clark Tony Walter Robert Neimeyer Charles Corr Phyllis Silverman Betty Davies Therese A Rando Colin Murray Parkes Kenneth Doka Allan Kellehear Sandra Bertman Stephen Connor Linda Goldman Mary Vachon and others Their chapters discuss the most significant facets of early development review important current work and assess major challenges and hopes for the future in the areas of their expertise A substantial chronology of important milestones in the contemporary movement introduces the book frames the chapters to follow and provides guidance for further in depth reading The book first focuses on the interdisciplinary intellectual achievements that have formed the foundation of the field of thanatology The section on institutional innovations encompasses contributions in hospice and palliative care of the dying and their families funeral service and death education The section on practices addresses approaches to counseling and providing support for individuals families and communities on issues related to dying bereavement suicide trauma disaster and caregiving An Afterword identifies challenges and looks toward future developments that promise to sustain further enrich and strengthen the movement

**KEY FEATURES** Distills the wisdom of pioneers in and major contributors to the contemporary death dying and bereavement movement Includes living witness accounts of the movement s evolution and important milestones Presents the best contemporary thinking in thanatology Describes contemporary institutional developments in hospice and palliative care funeral practice and death education Illuminates best practices in care of the dying suicidal bereaved and traumatized

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 Levens 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

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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 **The New Senior Woman** Barbara M. Fleisher, Thelma Reese, 2013-10-15 As people live longer and better lives both women and men may look forward to many years in retirement But living well in retirement depends on a variety of decisions people make as they prepare for and enter

this new chapter of life and living This book is for and about women approaching and experiencing life in their senior years This largest and fastest growing part of the population is living in a manner very different from our mothers whose roles in life were much more predictable and circumscribed than ours Today s senior women live longer are healthier better educated more involved in the world and more active than the women who preceded us Figuring out these uncharted years without role models or guideposts can be challenging but here the authors gather the stories of today s senior women who have jumped hurdles answered questions and made decisions they never saw their mothers make Through these stories readers will find fellowship and guidance wisdom and acknowledgment of the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead Culled from women in their sixties and beyond and from a variety of backgrounds and current living situations the stories reveal the realities of life for retirement age women and demonstrate the dreams joys concerns and fears that come along with this phase of life They address questions about living arrangements adult children loss of a spouse or partner relationships and friendships part time work social connections health concerns and more Facing these new situations with class dignity sass and smarts these women reveal the various ways today s senior women can live and love her retirement years

**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 ib n 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*

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