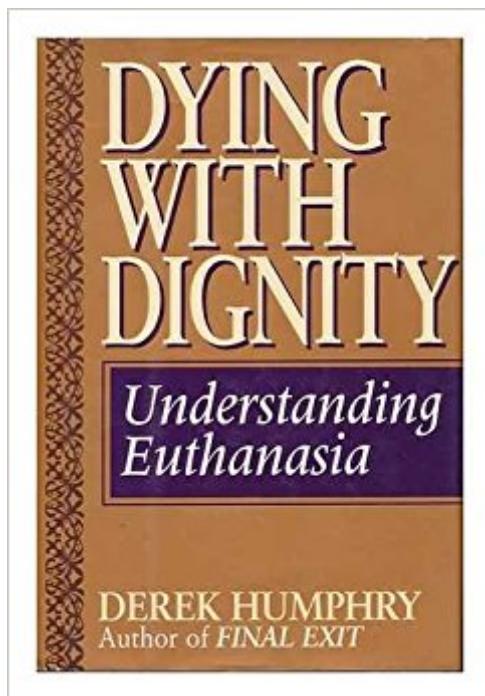


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Thanks to the runaway success of the #1 national bestseller Final Exit, the right to die has been brought to the moral and political forefront. Now Humphry tackles the the right to die in this companion to his 500,000-copy bestseller.

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Derek Humphry founded the Hemlock Society USA in 1980, has written five books on right-to-die issues, the best known being Jean's Way and Final Exit. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I found that it dealt with euthanasia in a very straightforward manner. The subject is a touchy one and the author was not afraid to use the word "suicide". What I particularly liked was the fact that the author was not trying to convert people to his point-of-view, he just presented the facts and allowed the reader to make choices for themselves. The author also discussed making choices for family members who have lost the ability to make choices for themselves (i.e. disconnecting life support, pulling out a feeding tube which is keeping alive a comatose person, killing someone who might choose to die if they had all their mental faculties, etc.) As part of the author's efforts to help readers put euthanasia in perspective, he also provided statistics so that the reader could compare their own opinions to how others feel about the various aspects of euthanasia. The reason that I didn't give the book 5 stars is that the author uses the book to promote his organization, Hemlock Society. He has devoted a whole chapter to the group and mentions them constantly in the book. I would have also

liked a more detailed discussion of euthanasia. I also feel that the book's a little too autobiographical and he repeats the same set of facts too many times. I consider this to be a great starter book if a person is interested in researching this topic.

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