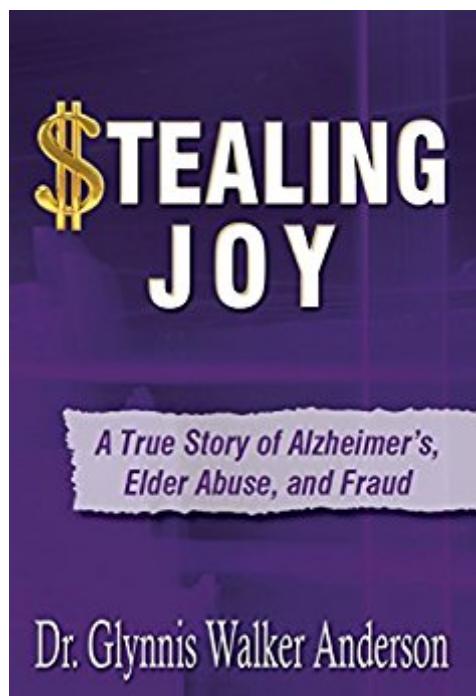


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Synopsis

A devastating crime hits home in *The Stealing of Joy*. From best-selling author Glynnis Walker Anderson, PhD, comes the emotional true story of how her family was torn apart by the crime of the twenty-first century—elder fraud. Anderson's mother is suffering from Alzheimer's when she falls victim to a group of women, including a neighbor, a supermarket clerk, and a lawyer, that takes everything from her. After managing to get legal guardianship due to the courtroom prowess and suppression of evidence by the group's lawyer member, the criminals manage to empty the elderly woman's bank accounts, change her will, and isolate her from the rest of her family. A month later, Anderson's mother winds up in the hospital, where the group insists she submit to a surgery that five different doctors warn will likely kill her. Robbed of the chance to say good-bye to the mother she loved, Anderson uses her background as an investigative journalist in an attempt to expose the fraud and reinstate her mother's original will. *The Stealing of Joy* serves as a potent warning for all those whose elderly loved ones may be at risk and offers guidance on how to fight against elder fraud.

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Customer Reviews

"Stealing Joy" is a must read for any family that has an elderly parent. What happened to Glynnis and her family was not only tragic, heart-wrenching, and incredibly eye-opening...but quite informative. "Stealing Joy" sends a wake-up call regarding what to look for and provides insights for what must change to pre-empt the chance of being caught in the web of elder fraud. I will be passing out copies to friends, co-workers, and others who might learn from this. No one should have to suffer as Glynnis and her family did, but we should all be thankful that she took the time to document this tragedy to help prevent further cases.

Glynnis Walker perfectly describes how easily any person with a caring heart can fall victim to those who have malicious intent. I found myself getting the "creepy crawlies" after she expresses her communications with her slimy neighbor and the lawyer. I shake my head thinking--how could this happen to someone who just clearly wants the best for her family? It is truly eye-opening. I hope that this book gets into the right hands so that it can educate others and prevent any more of these types of situations of elder abuse and fraud.

An absolute must read for anyone with an aging parent or relative. No one else should have to experience the chaos that Dr. Walker and her family endured. Heartfelt, honest, and with good intentions, Dr. Walker retells her horrific story of losing her parent not only to Alzheimer's, but to elder fraud. But being a genuine human, Dr. Walker creates a positive response with this book, giving advice and morale to help soothe those who have also experienced such loss.

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