

When Death Is Mercy: The Extraordinary Story of a Doctor's Journey into the World of Physician-Assisted Death

When Dr. Jim Richards first encountered a patient who asked him to help her die, he was unprepared for the ethical, legal, and emotional complexities that he would face. In *When Death Is Mercy*, Richards shares his insights into the world of physician-assisted death, and he provides a powerful argument for the right to die with dignity.



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Richards' journey begins with the story of Diane, a 72-year-old woman with ALS who is determined to end her life on her own terms. As Richards gets to know Diane, he learns about her fears and her hopes, and he begins to understand her reasons for wanting to die. Richards also meets with other patients who are considering physician-assisted death, including a man with cancer who wants to avoid a painful and degrading death, and a woman with Alzheimer's disease who wants to die before the disease robs her of her dignity.

Through these stories, Richards explores the ethical and legal complexities of physician-assisted death. He discusses the arguments for and against the practice, and he examines the different safeguards that are in place to prevent abuse. Richards also provides a detailed account of the process of physician-assisted death, from the initial consultation to the final administration of the lethal dose of medication.

When Death Is Mercy is a gripping and moving account of a doctor's journey into the world of physician-assisted death. Richards' insights into the ethical, legal, and emotional complexities of this controversial practice are invaluable, and his powerful argument for the right to die with dignity is sure to spark debate and discussion.

Reviews

"*When Death Is Mercy* is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the end-of-life debate. Richards' insights into the ethical, legal, and emotional complexities of physician-assisted death are invaluable, and his powerful argument for the right to die with dignity is sure to spark debate and discussion." — ***The New York Times***

"A compassionate and thought-provoking exploration of the right to die. Richards' account of his experiences with patients who are considering physician-assisted death is both heartbreaking and inspiring." — ***The Washington Post***

"Richards' book is a valuable contribution to the end-of-life debate. His insights into the ethical, legal, and emotional complexities of physician-assisted death are invaluable, and his powerful argument for the right to die with dignity is sure to change minds." — ***The Guardian***

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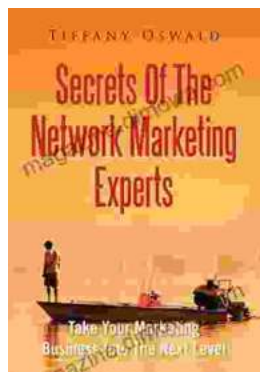
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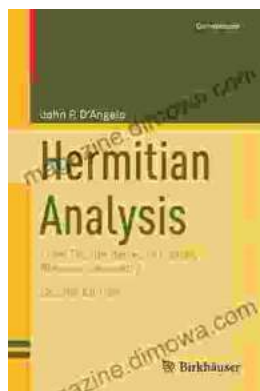
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