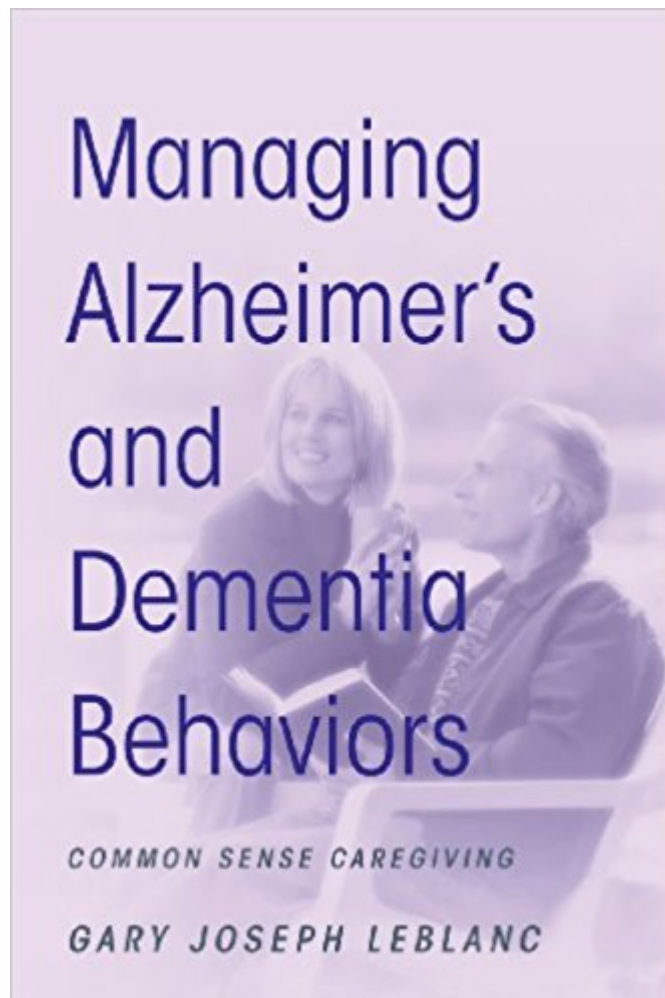




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Managing Alzheimer's And Dementia Behaviors: Common Sense Caregiving



Synopsis

Managing Alzheimer's and Dementia Behaviors...The primary purpose of this booklet is to assist both "Healthcare Professionals" and "Family Caregivers" alike in providing the best care possible to those afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia of any kind. No less important, however, is another objective; for the information contained within these pages to be a catalyst in creating a better understanding between professional caregivers and the family members of the patients who they are caring for. Communication between these two factions is paramount. It is our hope that this booklet will be read individually or in groups, discussed openly and, after putting some of the tips now learned into practice, discussed again. Always remember, each patient is unique, but at the same time, the disease can often be manageable with the use of common sense, diligence and, most importantly, with love.

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Customer Reviews

Gary Joseph LeBlanc, is also the author of "Staying Afloat in a Sea of Forgetfulness," and co-author of "While I Still Can." Also, a weekly columnist of "Common Sense Caregiving" published in the Tampa Tribune and Hernando Today and many other health publications. His writings and speaking events utilize his 3,000 plus days and nights of personal caregiving experience to help other Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers cope with the everyday challenges and emotional struggles of caring for the memory-impaired.

Commendations to Gary. This book was well written and easy to follow and understand. So many little tips in caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease. His title was well chosen, too. Managing is not easy with human beings/loved ones. My thanks and appreciation!

Very informative book, helpful to reread as things change. This is a horrible disease, very difficult to deal with. Mother suffered with it for way to many years

Gary Joseph LeBlanc wrote a simple book about this subject. What I am saying, is that it is written in terms that the ordinary reader can understand. As a wife whose husband is in the beginning stages of this disease, I was better able to see what I may have to face in the future. I've already seen quite a few signs of the early stages. It is mind boggling to realize I will have to look forward to some of them, but when we married "it was for better or worse" and I will always be there for him. Thank you, Gary Joseph LeBlanc, for all the insights I would never have been aware of.

As a caregiver to one who is now in assisted living memory care this document would have been very helpful in helping during the early onset of mom's disease symptoms. The importance of routine, self care, attention as an advocate in hospitalization, and learning the nonverbal cues for pain, confusion, depression and fatigue are key for professionals and family alike. A wonderful document and great reference work.

Not much to learn from this barely 100 page book. Most chapters are less than two pages long. Given that the book is aimed at caregivers and health care professionals, it really doesn't serve either audience well. I rarely write negative reviews but a book or pamphlet with a focused title like this book does, should have better covered the topic better. Better books are available.

Gary Joseph LeBlanc is one of my favorite authors of books and education for those with Alzheimer's or Dementia. Gary is an advocate who cared for his own father with Alzheimer's for many years. He is a public speaker, website holder, author and writes a weekly column about Alzheimer's. This book is excellent. So many new and professional caregivers are stumped when it comes to some Alzheimer's behaviors. When I was caring for my own Mom, I had no idea what to do for so many of the odd behaviors; belligerence, shadowing, wandering, refusal to bathe. Gary writes about all these and much more. If you're coping with a loved one who has Alzheimer's or Dementia, you'll be thrilled to find this book.

I saw a lot of situations from this book in my own family with my mother. I could say, "yes -- that happened just like that!" Unfortunately, I did not handle the situations in the best possible manner. I could see some things I did right but could have used this information at that time. Mom is now in a very nice home for Alzheimer's patients. If you have a family member with dementia or Alzheimer's read the tips in this book. They are right-on. Maybe you can defer the nursing home for a while longer.

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