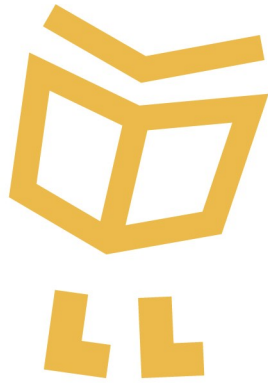


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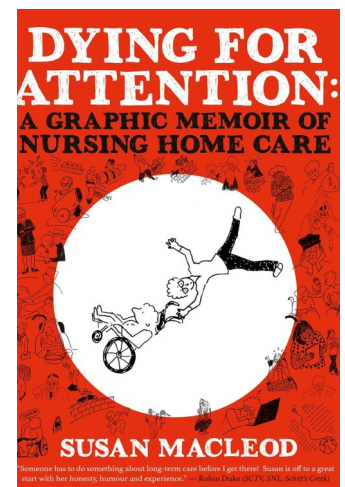


Dying for Attention: A Graphic Memoir of Nursing Home Care

Susan MacLeod

Discussion Questions

1. What did you know about the nursing home/long term care system prior to this book? What surprised you?
2. The book shines a light on the sub-par treatment those in nursing homes may receive. Who is at fault here? The staff? The doctors? The government?
3. How does Susan's experience working for the ministry of health help her as she navigates the nursing home care system? How does it hinder?
4. Susan and her brother have a difficult relationship. What do you think about the resentment Susan feels toward him surrounding their mother's care?
5. The book discusses the gender roles associated with caring for a loved one (i.e., women are expected to, while men are praised). What do you think?
6. How does the relationship between Susan and her mother change over the course of the book?
7. Do you think this book would be a good resource for those with a loved one going into nursing home or long-term care?
8. Do you think the graphic format of this book added or took away from the work? Have you read a graphic novel before? Would you read another?



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