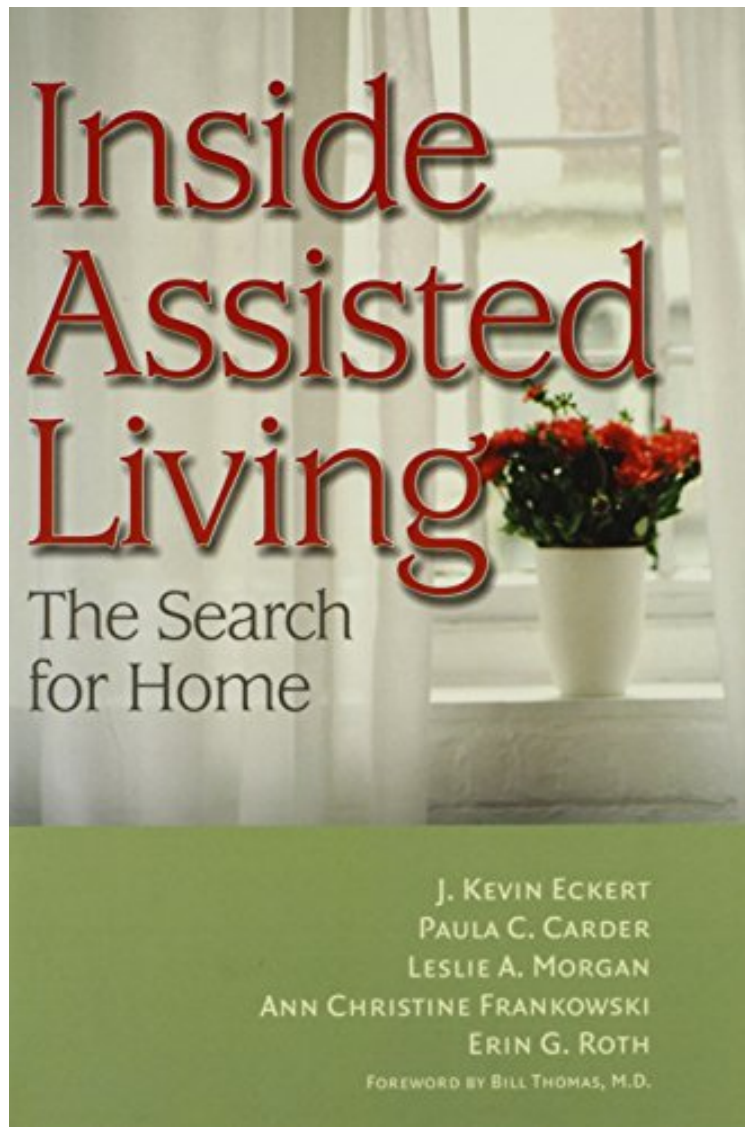


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detached. It is more of a sociological/anthropological exploration of assisted living than anything that will help you figure it out. In terms of utility and information it's the one I recommend you read last after you've grasped the concepts and the decision process. At that point it provides valuable context that may lead you to prefer one choice over another - assuming you have a choice when the time comes - but that's another book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not to be missed. By Lechuza3d This is an excellent book about assisted living. A previous reviewer suggested that it should be read only after one has read several other books about the subject. I agree completely. However, I also think that this book should not be missed by anyone attempting to get a more complete picture of assisted living. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A look into the life of assisted living By Dee This book is an excellent look into the world of life for elders who live in the assisted living housing environment. Assisted living is much better than trying to live in an independent house on a street.

Assisted living is the fastest-growing alternative to skilled nursing care for frail older persons in the United States. The expectations, settings, and missions of these residences are varied, making it difficult for prospective residents and their families to anticipate what it would be like to live in them. This book is a unique portal into the real world of assisted living and the key issues facing consumers, providers, and policy makers. Drawing on in-depth interviews with residents, their family members, staffers, and administrators, *Inside Assisted Living* opens the window on day-to-day life in six different types of assisted living residence. From "Miss Helen at Valley Glen Home" to "Mr. Sidney at Laurel Ridge," the detailed profiles of individuals show the commonalities among the residences while highlighting the positive and negative aspects of each. The voices of those living, visiting, and working in the homes clarify the important local (social relations, staff dynamics, leadership) and national (funding, regulation, aging-in-place) challenges presented by assisted living. Introductory and concluding chapters synthesize new findings that cross the six settings and reflect issues vital to all participants. The book also features an appendix detailing the research process involved in creating the profiles.

From Publishers Weekly The authors researchers and academics with the Center for Aging Studies at the Erickson School and with the University of Maryland spent five years studying life in six Baltimore-area assisted-living facilities. These ranged from an eight-resident home owned by two sisters to a 112-person residential-care facility that is part of a for-profit corporation. The book offers excerpts from interviews with residents, family members and staff. While it can illuminate in depth many of the issues in assisted-care living, its primary audience should be readers with a professional or policy interest in care for the aged. (June 15) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "It can illuminate in depth many of the issues in assisted-care living." (Publishers Weekly) "An excellent introduction for anyone who needs to acquaint himself or herself with assisted living in anticipation of having to choose assisted care for a parent or other loved one." (Barbara Petty Boom!) "One of the most important books written about assisted living communities and the people who live in them. The authors succeed in unveiling the unknown dimension of dwelling in assisted living by bringing home to us the poignant reality and earnestness of living in a long-term care setting that strives to substitute for home." (Benyamin Schwarz, Ph.D., coeditor of *Aging, Autonomy, and Architecture: Advances in Assisted Living*) "Candid and honest... *Inside Assisted Living* helps to heighten the awareness of the need for psychological services to this currently major and rapidly growing population." (Richard H. Cox *PsycCRITIQUES*) About the Author This book is a collaborative effort undertaken by researchers and professors affiliated with the Center for Aging Studies at the Erickson School and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). J. Kevin Eckert is director of the center and dean of and professor at the school and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Paula C. Carder, formerly associate director of the center, is an assistant professor at the Institute on Aging, Portland State University. Leslie A. Morgan is a professor in the department of sociology and anthropology, UMBC, and a senior research associate with the center. Ann Christine Frankowski is a senior research associate with the center and an adjunct assistant professor in the department of sociology and anthropology, UMBC. Erin G. Roth is a senior research analyst and ethnographer with the center.