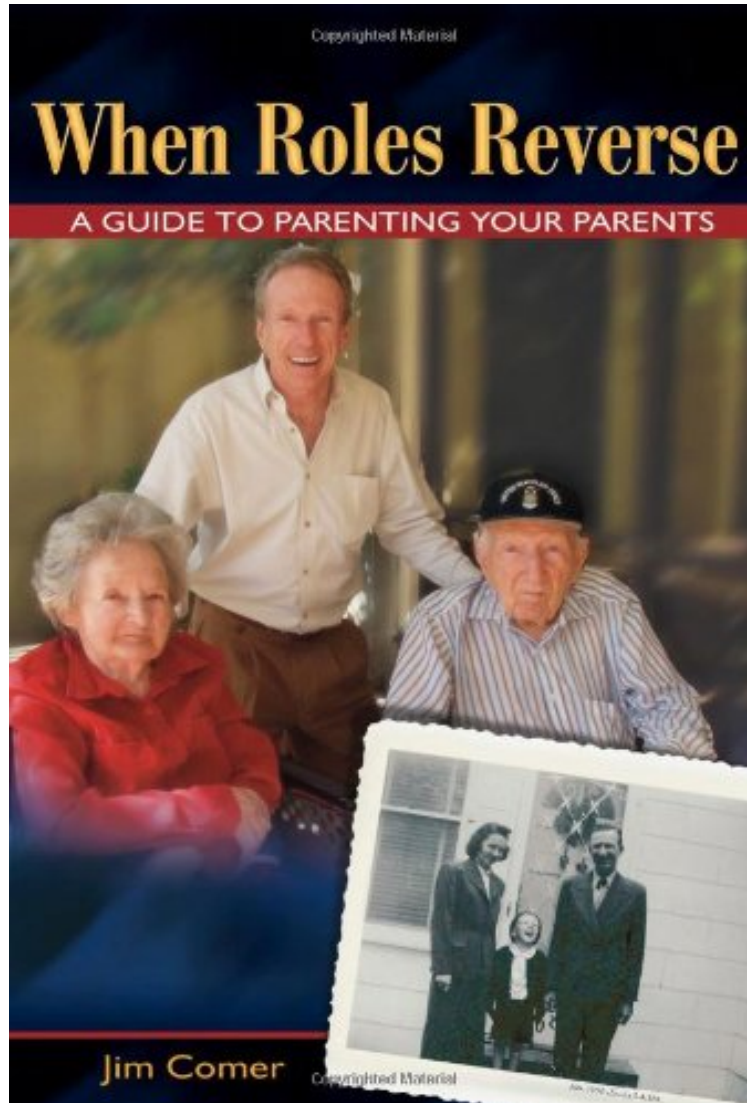


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every few months or so) is his telling "you" to not correct them, enter their world, don't interrupt them if they are telling you the same thing for the gazillionth time, etc. I often mentally go through this list on my way to my mother's house. IMO, the book the DVD very much supplement each other since the book lists details about elder care lawyers details about what you need to have covered the DVD deals more with the dealings of day to day life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource for anyone with senior parents By Nina Eisenman If found Parenting Your Parents to be the most helpful guide to navigating this challenging time of life. Jim combines expert advice, real action items with stories from his own life. He is able to find humor and humanity in one of life's most emotionally painful, stressful situations--key to making it through parenting parents with your sanity intact. After my mother got sick my family had to think about what the next right step was for her and dad. After I read this book I bought copies for my sister and brother to help guide our family meetings. It was extremely helpful and I would recommend it to anyone with senior parents. It's better to plan ahead than to scramble to come up with a solution once something life changing happens. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Easy to read book is very enlightening on the subject of elderly care in the U.S. By Jiminy C This book couldn't have come at a better time for me. My parent was going through some of the exact same things as the author's parents and even in the same geographical area. I knew nothing about caregiving and this book was like a guideline for action and so much more than that. It's also an eye opener for one's own future care and I highly recommend everyone read this book even if you don't have a family member to care for. I can't thank the author enough. I can say prices have risen since this book was published and I can also confirm that the highest priced places are not necessarily the best.

After his father suffered a massive stroke and his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Jim Comer found himself an overnight "parent" at the age of 51. When he walked into his father's hospital room everyone looked to him as the "man who knew all the answers." He soon realized he didn't even know the questions. In ten years of caregiving, Comer has not only learned the questions he has lived them, and with *When Roles Reverse* he shares his hard-won answers. He learned to deal with hospitals, insurance companies, rehab centers, his father's deafness and his mother's dementia. Through it all Jim has kept his sanity and sense of humor, in the process forging a deeper, more intimate relationship with his parents. With laugh-out-loud humor, Jim deals with improvisational moments for which there is no preparation: You find three gallons of Scotch in your dad's retirement home closet; Your Mother refuses to leave her home of 34 years and can only be coaxed into the car with promises of ice cream; At a crowded Sunday dinner table, your father announces that he wants you to give him an enema after lunch . . . And offers personal experience and expert insight on the many issues it's absolutely essential to plan for such as: Wills, powers of attorney, and other legal documents every family needs Which siblings will be there when your parents need them? Selecting a first-rate care facility and getting long-term care insurance New Medicaid guidelines and how to qualify Hospice care and end-of-life decisions *When Roles Reverse* even includes "Fifty Questions that will save you Time, Money, and Tears," a special section designed to help families initiate vital communication and prepare for the crises, confusion and unexpected joys of caregiving.

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