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"The book, aimed at practitioners, professionals and academics, involves an impressive and wide-ranging array of contributors from both the UK and the US. The book includes learning objectives and exercises, encouraging the reader to actively engage with the material. There is also an insightful preface from Daphne Wallace, a retired psychiatrist now experiencing early dementia. It's an admirably comprehensive and user-friendly resource for anyone with a professional or personal interest in excellent dementia care."

Community Care

"Written by leading theorists from a range of countries, this comprehensive text is a unique achievement. It is divided into four parts: principles and perspectives; knowledge and skills for supporting people with dementia; journeys through dementia care; and embedding experience in dementia care. Despite there being 46 contributors, there is a consistent voice addressing current thinking in dementia care, with good cross referencing. Expertise of researchers, practitioners and academic tutors is brought together in a stimulating, informative and sometimes provocative read."

Nursing Standard

"Dementia care has come of age with this book. It is an impeccably crafted collection of papers from eminent experts on both sides of the Atlantic. The book demonstrates confidence, based on both research evidence and well-grounded good practice, and a solid set of shared values both explicit and implicit. The contributors are refreshingly candid about debates and controversies. This book is authoritative and readable which makes it useful to a wide audience. It will provide knowledge, encouragement and motivation to a hard pressed workforce."

Mary Marshall OBE, Emeritus Professor, University of Stirling, Scotland

"Thanks to the variety of questions treated, illustrated by both discussions and exercises, this book is a clear and comprehensive pedagogic tool for any professional involved in the care of people (with dementia)."

Fondation Nationale de Gerontologie, Paris, France

"Given its pedigree, much would be expected of a comprehensive textbook on dementia care that combines the talents of these two editors and utilises their extensive academic/practice/policy/community networks... I am pleased to say that the book more than lives up to its billing... essential and required reading for anyone interested in dementia care, ranging from first-year health and social care students (of any discipline) right through to experienced academics."

John Keady, Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and University of Manchester, UK

"This book is to be recommended for anybody who is interested in a multi-, inter- or even cross-disciplinarian approach to care for dementia. It might also be useful for a non-professional audience also because it is extremely didactic and accessible."

International Journal of Integrated Care

This landmark textbook draws on the extensive knowledge of researchers, practitioners, and professionals in the care of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. It is informed both by a profound respect

for people with dementia and a commitment to including them in decisions about their care and lives. While focusing on care for people with dementia, this core text also addresses the most pressing concerns of families by promoting practices and services that recognise the full humanity of their relative with dementia. In addressing the many complex issues related to offering support to people with dementia and those who care for them, this timely textbook is unique in emphasising strategies for creating sustainable change in practice. The book includes examples from a range of countries, drawn from research, practice wisdom and, most importantly, from the experience of people with dementia and their families.

This key text offers valuable insights about how to:

- Provide competent and compassionate care for people with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias
- Build systems to provide effective care
- Encourage collaboration among multi disciplinary professionals and users and carers
- Support those caring for people with dementia
- Ensure those with dementia maintain dignity, well-being and meaningful participation in life

Excellence in Dementia Care is a vital resource for those working with people with dementia. It provides an accessible yet sophisticated overview of the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to achieve excellence. It is an essential handbook for those responsible for training, education and skills development in dementia care.



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