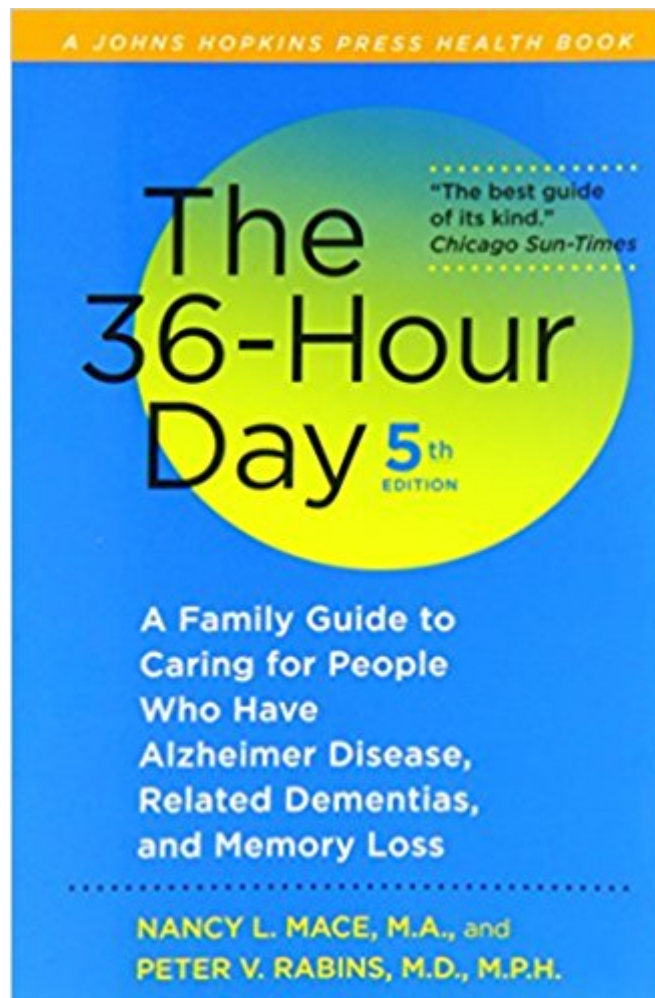




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# **The 36-Hour Day, Fifth Edition: The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide To Caring For People Who Have Alzheimer Disease, Related Dementias, And Memory Loss (A Johns Hopkins Press Health Book)**





## Synopsis

Originally published in 1981, *The 36-Hour Day* was the first book of its kind. Thirty years later, with dozens of other books on the market, it remains the definitive guide for people caring for someone with dementia. Now in a new and updated edition, this best-selling book features thoroughly revised chapters on the causes of dementia, managing the early stages of dementia, the prevention of dementia, and finding appropriate living arrangements for the person who has dementia when home care is no longer an option.

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Times)"An admirably realistic guide to caring for people with Alzheimer's." (Michael Greenberg New York Review of Books)"An excellent, practical manual for families and professionals involved in the care of persons with progressive illnesses... The book is specific and thought-provoking, and it will be helpful to anyone even remotely involved with an 'impaired' person... Highly recommended, especially for public and nursing libraries." (Library Journal)"Continues to be the 'bible' of recommendation for any caregiver whose family member suffers from dementia." (Bookwatch)"Recommended to all caregivers and families of persons with dementia as an indispensable source of valuable information on a very wide range of topics." (Case Management Journals)"An excellent guide with general information for family caregivers of persons with dementia... The text is person focused and describes the complexity and depth of the care required not only for persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia but also for caregivers." (Activities, Adaptation and Aging)

When my father developed dementia some years ago, I didn't know what to do at first. This book proved to be a big help for my family and me, and now I'd like to be of some small help to you. Dementia doesn't strike out of the blue. It builds up over a period of years, and in the beginning there is an understandable tendency to consider a loved one's unusual behavior to be just another sign of aging. However, when Alzheimer's or other dementias are at play, sooner or later you may well find yourself in need of some help when trying to deal with your loved one's needs. Indeed, until you understand more about Alzheimer's you may not fully appreciate the struggles your loved one is dealing with. It is a very scary thing to gradually lose some of your important mental capabilities, and there is a resulting tendency among those with dementia to either act out or to withdraw from normal family communications. Here's your chance. If you even suspect Alzheimer's or another dementia (they are not necessarily the same), I strongly recommend that you get this book and read it. It will help you to better:

1. understand what your loved one is going through.
2. deal with the behavioral issues associated with Alzheimer's.
3. find medical help.
4. find additional Alzheimer's and dementia information from a number of helpful organizations.
5. discover support groups.
6. save a lot of time (when you are a caregiver for someone with dementia, time is usually in very short supply--hence, the title of the book).
7. evaluate financial possibilities.
8. understand that you are most definitely not alone in your dealing with dementia's effects.

This book is written by experienced authorities in the field, and it is easy enough to read for those without medical backgrounds. It is the likely all-time best-seller in its field for a reason.

This is the "Bible" as pertains to Alzheimer's/dementia. I read this book as one in our family was experiencing the disease slowly (at first) in her later years. The family could not accept or admit this was happening for so long that I needed to learn for myself from real experts. The writing is perfect for conveying the whole story, with many ifs ands and buts that make each person's experience somewhat different. In addition to the technical aspects of the body and brain as one proceeds through this disease, the book is filled with actual experiences of caregivers, patients, and doctors to give a well-rounded idea of what we are all going through, including lots of ideas on what to do about it to make life more tolerable - as much as we can. A lot of what the book is saying is that we must accept what is happening, do all we can to alleviate suffering - physical and mental - for patient, family, and any other caregivers that might be involved. I've given this book to 2 others who are involved with Alzheimer's/dementia because I think it is a must for people to understand this and deal with it as they can.

Very helpful to me. Both parents have varying degrees of dementia. It shows that you are not alone. Explains why certain things are happening and suggestions of how to cope with everything.

Details of understanding, loving and managing your person with dementia at home and in a facility. Very practical information to be safe, not exhaust the caregiver and know what the person is probably thinking in difficult situations. EXCELLENT reading even for living with a difficult "memory-impaired " or challenging person without dementia.

A great read if you have a loved one going through any type of dementia or other type of degenerative memory loss. Lots of good advice given...I was especially pleased with the suggestions to help the caregiver in the situation--they are often overlooked and need as much help in their journey to take care of their loved one. I passed this one around the family for all to read--excellent material.

After my mom's diagnosis several people recommended this book and continue to recommend. I haven't read the whole thing yet but I highly recommend it for anyone that has a loved one with dementia/alzheimers or is even experiencing cognitive delay! Make you think about things differently and understand how the patient feels.

I was first told about this book from the Alzheimer's Association and wow I was so

glad & very thankful for this book. I was a caregiver to my mom and this book helped us out a lot, we recommended it to everyone. I highly recommend this book to everyone I know who is caring for a loved one with this disease.

This book held my wife, my mid-teens children, and me together through four very dark years when most of the local Alzheimer's facilities had applications for victims on waiting lists for over two years. Whenever I encounter a family who is trying to take care of a loved victim of any form of dementia in their home, I send them a copy of this book, which has been very appropriately updated a number of times since 1987

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