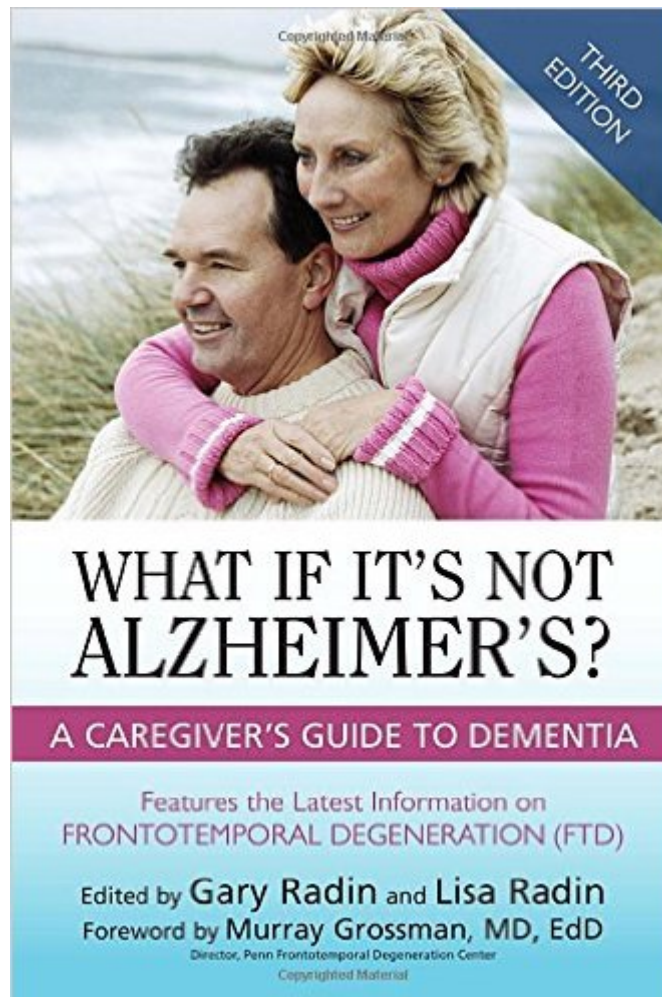


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Synopsis

Although the public most often associates dementia with Alzheimer's disease, the medical profession now distinguishes various types of dementias. This book is the first and only comprehensive guide dealing with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD), one of the largest groups of non-Alzheimer's dementias. The contributors are either specialists in their fields or have exceptional hands-on experience with FTD sufferers. Beginning with a focus on the medical facts, the first part defines and explores FTD as an illness distinct from Alzheimer's disease. Also considered are clinical and medical care issues and practices, as well as such topics as finding a medical team and rehabilitation interventions. The next section on managing care examines the daily care routine including exercise, socialization, adapting the home environment, and behavioral issues. In the following section on caregiver resources, the contributors identify professional and government assistance programs along with private resources and legal options. The final section focuses on the caregiver, in particular the need for respite and the challenge of managing emotions. This new, completely revised edition follows recent worldwide collaboration in research and provides the most current medical information available, a better understanding of the different classifications of FTD, and more clarity regarding the role of genetics. The wealth of information offered in these pages will help both healthcare professionals and caregivers of someone suffering from frontotemporal degeneration.

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FTD - fronto-temporal dementia - is the second-most common dementia after Alzheimer's disease, yet few seem to realize not all dementias are the same. An exceedingly tough subject to write about - Radin is informative, candid, and clear. He makes good use of research, statistics, case studies, and includes experiences from people in the field, both professional and non-professional. Most of all, his tone is never condescending: there is an underlying warmth but an overall practicality that is perhaps more useful than anything else to the FTD caregiver. There are a lot of compassionate books out there, and a lot of people write about the emotional and psychological struggles in dealing with FTD; equally, there are a lot of publications that are pitched to those in the medical field, articles and books full of specialized jargon and obscure references. Few books hit the middle zone of no-nonsense advice, clear information about what to expect, and information on resources, organizations, online groups, etc. If you're a caregiver, if you know someone who is, if you know someone in the throes of FTD and want to learn more, this is the best comprehensive guide I've seen.

I really liked how this book is a great resource book including an index to go back and refer to as different symptoms arise. Along with that being said it also goes into the emotional changes and physical changes of the patient and the caregiver. It also has countless ideas for each situation you might be facing. Although easier to read on kindle I am considering getting a paper copy just for reference.

This book not only gives a clear definition of frontotemporal dementia, but some valuable help for caregivers. This disease can be vastly different from Alzheimer's and there is just beginning to be more explanations and help for caregivers now.

Very good information regarding FrontoTemporal Degeneration, a little known dementia. The authors share knowledge, based on their experience as caregivers, including how to prepare for the inevitable end, including legal guidelines on how to guard family financial resources. They advise how to deal with social agencies and many more things that the average person wouldn't even think of. It's a must read for families dealing with this terrible disease.

An excellent "up close and personal" look at FTD (fronto-temporal-temporal dementia), a form of dementia too few members of the public, caregivers, and medical professionals recognize or understand in its subtleties. It should be required reading. Written in a no-nonsense but

compassionate tone by a woman whose brilliant husband slowly disappeared before her eyes. So many helpful suggestions from a wise author who obviously wants to help lessen the suffering of others who are grappling with this cruel disease.

This book could be titled, "Everything you wanted to know about FTD, but were afraid to ask". It is packed with helpful information and resources. A must read for every FTD caregiver, it paints an accurate picture of what every caregiver experiences.

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