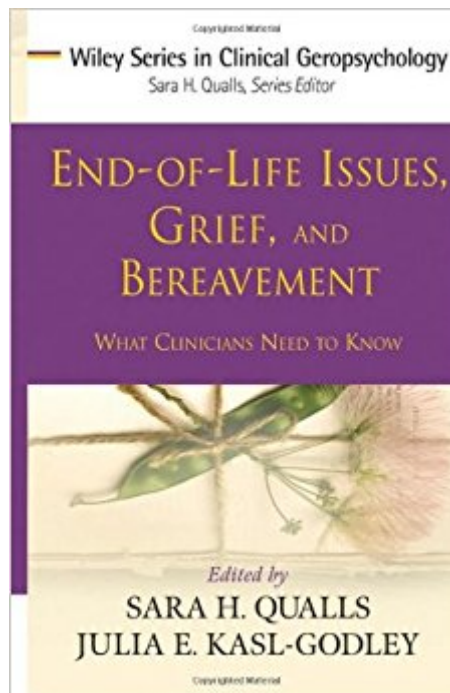




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End-of-Life Issues, Grief, And Bereavement: What Clinicians Need To Know



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Covered lots of issues but did not get into very much depth on any. Would have preferred if the author would have covered fewer issues but went into more detail as to how to provide support to the terminal patient.

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