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This book discusses recent research on stress factors associated with caregiving, and what factors impact on successful versus non-successful adaptation to the care-giving role. This is an expanding field in gerontology, and is also of interest to personality and social psychologists studying stress and interpersonal relations. Although there are many books on the cause and treatment of dementia, there has been a book that provides a research investigation into the factors associated with effective caregiving to dementia patients.

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Review

"This unique book sensitizes as well as informs; its special merit is its artful interspersion of poignant commentary and quotations from individual caregivers, giving personalized meaning and humanistic vitality that can bring tears as it speaks to the heart of the reader. Suitable figures, tables, and photographs. Academic scholarship at its best. Important reading for teachers, administrations, researchers, and clinicians in geriatrics, and an imperative acquisition for libraries serving the needs of such users." --**CHOICE**

"A study tracing the experience of husbands, wives, daughters, and sons caring for family members with Alzheimer's disease. Discusses both common stress factors and the way stress affects the caregivers physical and emotional well-being. The personal stories of four caregivers are woven throughout." --**SCI TECH BOOKNEWS**

"The authors of this monograph are among the foremost researchers and theorists in health psychology and gerontology, and they have produced a volume that is arguably the most comprehensive view to date of the experience of caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease (AD)... *Profiles in Caregiving* could well become an indispensable reference not only for researchers and policymakers but also for professionals whose aim is to ease the burden borne by AD caregivers." --**Gail M. Williamson in CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY**

"*Profiles in Caregiving* is a rich path-breaking book, one that seeks to address research, clinical, educational, and family audiences at one turn. Working through the detailed findings will provide many rich possibilities for clinical insights into caregiving issues in general... *Profiles in Caregiving* is most useful as a model for researchers on the integration of theory and empirical survey research in a longitudinal context, but also points up the fragmented nature of much of our sophisticated empirical analyses." --**Baila Miller, Case Western Reserve University, INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF APPLIED FAMILY STUDIES.**

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More and more people are being pressed into service as caregivers for their siblings, parents, or spouses with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia. With this caregiving role comes added stress and a difficult adjustment period for what begins as a part-time role and can become an unexpected career. **Profile in Caregiving: The Unexpected Career** is a practical source of information for anyone who teaches caregiving, acts as a caregiver, or studies caregiving. It is the first book that provides a research investigation into the factors associated with effective caregiving to dementia patients.

This landmark work traces the experience of husbands, wives, daughters, and sons in the caregiving role, identifying common stress factors and discussing how stress affects the caregiver's physical and emotional well-being.

Examines the five major phases of caregiving:

- * Acquisition of role as caregiver
- * In-home care
- * Institutional care
- * Bereavement (patient death)
- * Social reintegration of caregiver

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