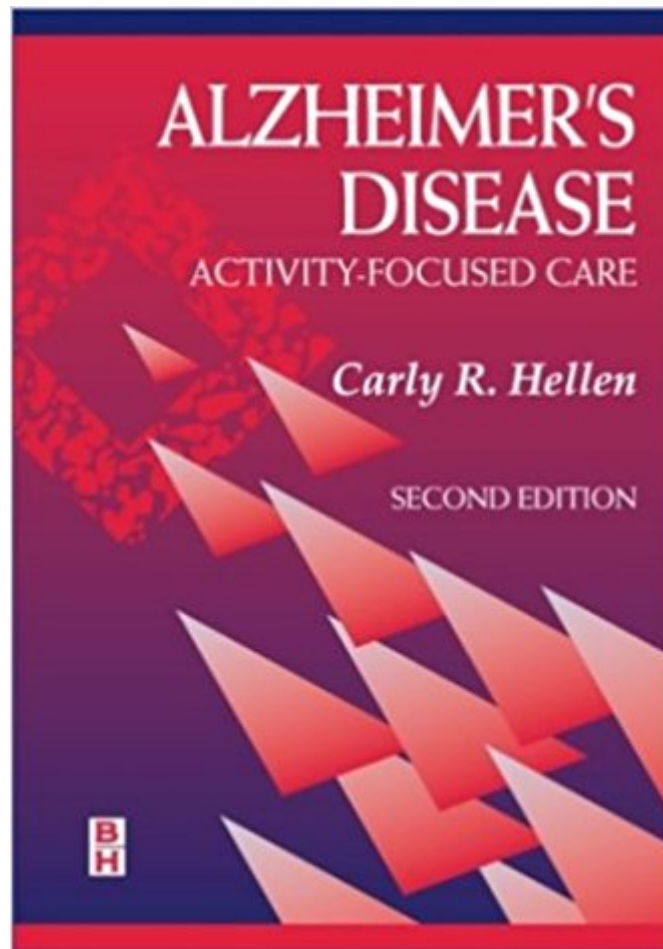




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# Alzheimer's Disease: Activity-Focused Care, 2e



## Synopsis

The updated edition of this unique guide provides practical and innovative strategies for care of people with Alzheimer's disease. Written from the viewpoint that activity-focused care promotes the resident's cognitive, physical, psychosocial, and spiritual wellbeing, the text is very readable and highly recommended for caregivers and families of people with Alzheimer's disease.

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"Extraordinarily comprehensive guide that has the potential to assist students who are working with people who have a dementia. I will recommend that all students doing any fieldwork in this area get this book!" -Sally C. Townsend, Utica College  
Excellent functional areas discussed with specific examples and treatment strategies

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This is a staff manual, but very useful for in-home caregivers as well -- one of the very best I've found -- and I've read over 30. This book covers everything, and includes many ideas for coping with difficult situations without using antipsychotic meds. It's probably not the best beginner's guide, but for someone with a few months of experience -- or plenty of study time -- it's terrific.

I just purchased this book, and am still reading it. Thus far I am finding it very informative and helpful for the professional who works with AD patients, and also the caregiver at home who needs assistance coping with the adjustments of finding suitable activities of the Alzheimers person. I was hoping that the book would give more information on how to acquire the Life Story of a patient, and how to utilize that specific information in activities to the utmost therapeutic manner. I know that some Day Care Centers are utilizing "The Best Friends" approach to therapy, and have a Life Story "FILE" that staff and volunteers can easily access to get info or add data regarding the participants lifetime events. I'm looking for ways that facilities are utilizing the Life Story, specifically the types of files that store the stories. This book is answering lots of questions I had about a very complicated disease that puzzles many people in our country. Alzheimer Disease continues to increase and is expected to increase in numbers of people, in the future. We desperately need more up to date research on this important mental degenerative disease.

Excellent book for all OTs!!!

This comprehensive book is required in all of our memory care communities because it is an excellent resource for all of our professional staff. We search for them as we continue to grow our memory care services.

I don't need a thousand words to encourage the publisher to print more books. This book provides wonderful information on the problems that arise and some strategies for care of the individual with Alzheimer's. I really wished I hadn't loaned my copy out...ah well perhaps someone is finding what a great resource it is for the caregiver.

This is the bible of dementia care. It literally has everything you need to know about helping demented individuals, and then some. A definite must read for the caregiver, nurse, or anyone on staff at a nursing home, from dietary aide to administrator. Truly amazing book.

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