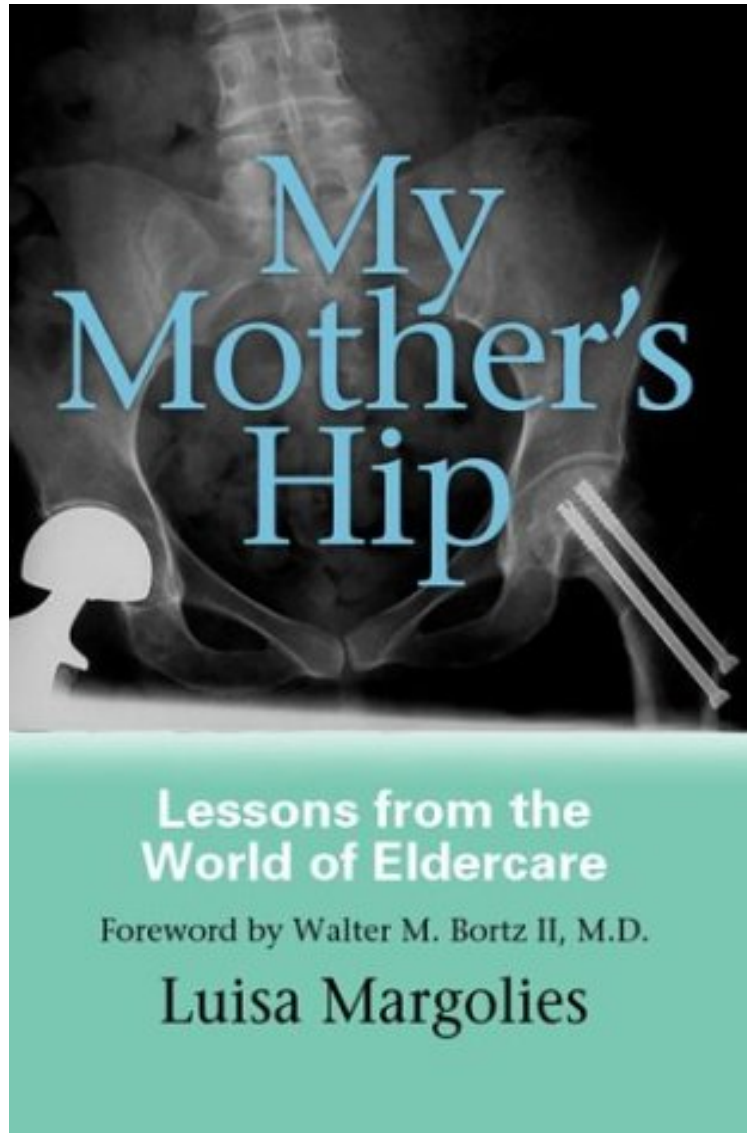


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Luise chronicles her experience caring for her elderly parents. She alternates with factual chapters about nursing homes, medical care for the elderly and other elder care information. I spent a few years caring for my elderly father so this book really resonated for me. Her honest depiction of the emotional, physical and financial impacts of caring for elderly parents brought me to tears at times. Sibling dynamics add to the stress and Luise talks about these without judgment. At first, I wasn't sure that I liked the factual chapters mixed in with the story, but in the end, it really added to the book. This book is important reading for anyone caring for elderly relatives. We can learn from Luise's experience and also know what to expect with our own relatives. It helps to know there are other people who have gone through the same thing.

After her mother's double hip fracture, the author immersed herself in identifying and coordinating the services and professionals needed to provide critical care for an elderly person. This work features her day-to-day observations as her mother's condition worsened, then improved only to worsen again.

"I would love to use [this] book with a class of gerontology and public policy students to launch a discussion of what a better care system would entail and how we might harness caregiver anger to achieve it. I'd also like to see narratives like this in lots of adult discussion groups in churches and synagogues, so family caregivers to those with serious and eventually fatal chronic illness start their work better prepared."-Medical Humanities "[T]his very readable book offers a unique view of the effect that illness has on the entire fabric of a patient's life. It will be of interest to both physicians and nonphysicians involved in elder care, as well as to the elders themselves."-The New England Journal of Medicine "[T]he book reads like a novel, [and] is very skillfully written."-The Senior Times "My Mother's Hip is a splendid and troubling book. Two of the great problems that come from medical progress are the use of technologies that can be less than perfect and the care of the chronically ill elderly by their children. This book is a wonderful exploration of what it means to be a dutiful daughter and a troubled surrogate decision-maker. Luisa Margolies' skills as an anthropologist bring those dilemmas to life in a compelling and readable fashion."-Daniel Callahan, Director, International Program, The Hastings Center "My Mother's Hip should be mandatory reading for all those who treat hip fracture patients as well as for the families of the patients. Luisa Margolies has captured the true impact of a hip fracture-on the patient, their family, and on our society."-Joseph D. Zuckerman, M.D., Professor and Chairman, NYU-Hospital for Joint Diseases, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery "In My Mother's Hip, Luisa Margolies seamlessly integrates medical information with an intensely personal story that includes the frustration and fear that result from caring-and not always knowing how to care-for people you love. She explores end-of-life issues with the certainty of one who's been there. She knows how elusive the right answers can be and in their absence, how necessary are the qualities of patience, love, and understanding."-Nick Taylor, author of A Necessary End "In My Mother's Hip, Luisa Margolies has written two powerful books in one. The chapters of her caregiving experience read like a novel, one that more and more Americans are living every day. Her alternating chapters, called 'Lessons,' build a compelling argument for fixing-and humanizing-the fragmented system of long-term care in the United States. Every older American, family caregiver, and provider of health and social services should read this remarkable book."-Gloria Cavanaugh, President and CEO, American Society on Aging
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