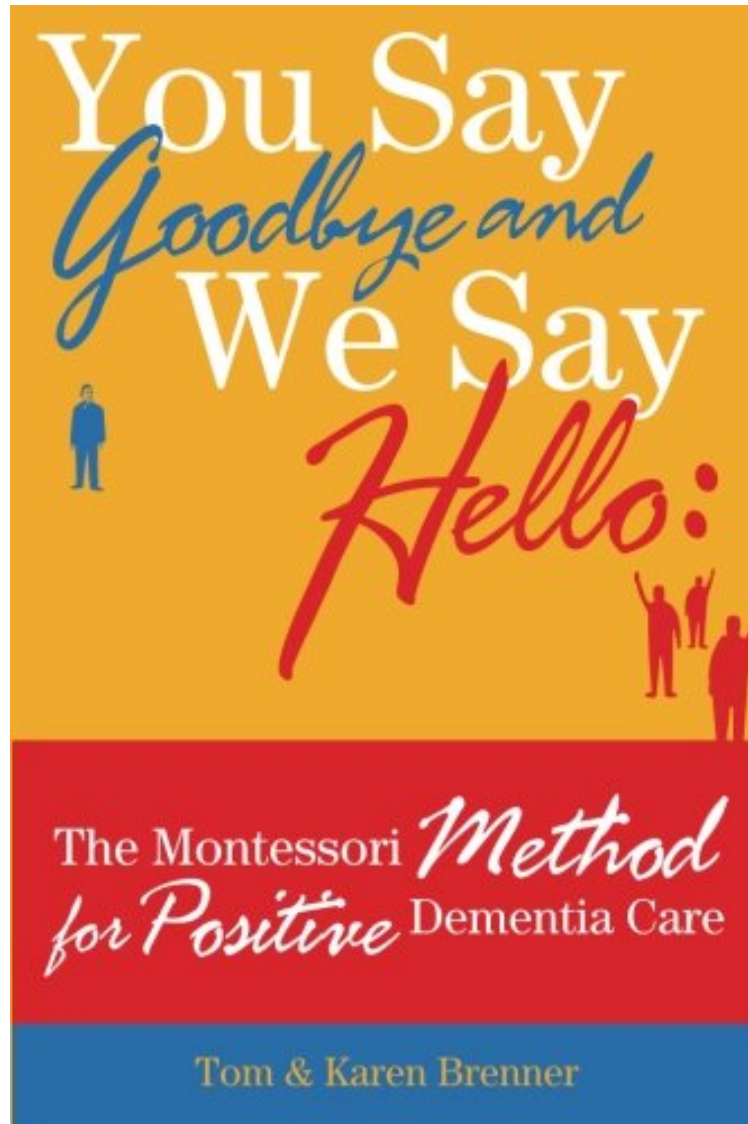


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of all; your time, your love, your best effort" the authors understand what you need to hear. They have been caregivers themselves and have adopted the Montessori method for positive dementia care. Their advice is practical and upbeat. They make suggestions you can take to heart and make good use of. The authors writing style allows you to walk a few steps in the dementia person's shoes in a way that causes you to reflect about how you can develop a new way to embrace your role as caregiving - and a gift we have been given to do! I felt more confident while reading this book as it provided heartwarming ways to relate to those who have dementia which makes any person a better caregiver. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A True Inspiration to Alzheimer's Caregivers By Marie Marley For me, one of the most important features of this book is the positive attitude the authors espouse about people with dementia and their caregivers. The Brenners share the stories of people living with dementia they have encountered during their years of experience in this field. Even more importantly, they describe in detail the techniques and tools they have developed to help readers stay connected to the people they love. Tom and Karen also give numerous illuminating examples of how they have used their tools and techniques to reach specific individuals with dementia, even those others have considered unreachable. The final chapter is dedicated to positive recognition of all caregivers. This book is a true inspiration to dementia caregivers everywhere. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fresh and Inspiring By Laurie You Say Goodbye We Say Hello is well-written and the message and philosophy is transferred easily using simple language. My mother had Alzheimer's and it was hard to get to the point of acceptance. The positive ways of dealing with Alzheimer's in this book are not seen in other books I have read concerning this topic and are much needed. I am an Interactive Arts Specialist and I work in a unit with 60 residents who have dementia. I have used many of their ideas with art and music previous to reading the book because it is what was working! Since reading the book, I am starting to do more with reading. It is amazing how finding the right books and encouraging them to read silently or out loud to me or others is so beneficial. We must find ways to relate....and the Brenners know ways that do. I am buying more than one so I can share it with families who are dealing with their' loved ones who have Alzheimer's.

Follow Tom and Karen Brenner as they help people living with dementia, their families and caregivers navigate this challenging condition using techniques first developed by Maria Montessori. This positive and inspiring book values the person being cared for and offers methods and strategies to engage them and help families and caregivers connect.

About the Author Tom and Karen Brenner train family members, professional caregivers and medical staff in the use of cutting edge interventions for persons who have dementia and Alzheimer's. The Brenners use the Montessori Method as the foundation for their evidence based memory support program. Tom Brenner holds an MA in Gerontology and has been working as a trainer, writer and consultant in the field of aging for many years. Karen Brenner has worked in the field of education for 30 years as a teacher and administrator. She co-founded Montessori schools in the Chicago area, one of which specializes in the education of children who are deaf or communication disordered.