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   This book has helpful information for those providing care to loved ones dealing with a life-limiting illness, particularly in the home setting.
   
   [https://hospicetoronto.ca/PDF/Acaregivershandbook_CHPCA.pdf](https://hospicetoronto.ca/PDF/Acaregivershandbook_CHPCA.pdf)

2. **A Good Enough Life: the Dying Speak** / Susan Gabori
   In monologues shaped from interviews with twelve terminally ill people, Gabori explores how people try to cope with death.

3. **Death: the Final Stage of Growth** / Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
   Offers various viewpoints on death and dying, including those of ministers, rabbis, doctors, nurses, and sociologists, along with personal accounts of those near death.

4. **Family Hospice Care: Pre-planning and Care Guide** / Harry Van Bommel
   This comprehensive and practical caregiver resource covers the physical, emotional, spiritual and information needs of patients, families, and other care providers including volunteers and students.

5. **Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying** / Maggie Callanan
   In this moving and compassionate classic—now updated with new material from the authors—hospice nurses Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley share their intimate experiences with patients at the end of life, drawn from more than twenty years’ experience tending the terminally ill.

6. **I Don’t Know What to Say: How to Help and Support Someone Who is Dying** / Robert Buckman
   Knowing how to listen sensitively and knowing what to say to a dying person can help make this a moving and rewarding time for patient and supporter.
7. **Life’s Way: Reflections of Hospice Volunteers in Northwestern Ontario** / Hospice NorthWest
   Honest and inspiring, Life's Way is an insightful collection of personal stories chronicling the experiences of thirty palliative care volunteers in Northwestern Ontario communities. As hospice volunteers reflect on the profound experiences of being a companion to persons who are acutely grieving or facing a life-limiting illness, many speak of the lessons they have learned and offer practical wisdom for life and death.

8. **Living with Death and Dying** / Elisabeth Kübler-Ross
   In this compassionate and moving guide to communicating with the terminally ill, Dr. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, the world's foremost expert on death and dying, shares her tools for understanding how the dying convey their innermost knowledge and needs.

9. **Talking about Death Won’t Kill You** / Dr. Kathy Kortes-Miller
   *Talking About Death Won’t Kill You* is the essential handbook to help Canadians navigate personal and medical decisions for the best quality of life for the end of our lives.

10. **The Conversation: a Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care** / Angelo E. Volandes
    Angelo E. Volandes believes that a life well lived deserves a good ending. Through the stories of seven patients and seven very different end-of-life experiences, he demonstrates that what people with a serious illness, who are approaching the end of their lives, need most is not new technologies but one simple thing: The Conversation.

11. **Transitions in Dying and Bereavement** / Victoria Hospice
    Find the words—and the deeds—to meet the psychosocial needs of chronically ill and dying people, their families, and caregivers in this first-ever strengths-based, step-by-step guide through the process from diagnosis to death to bereavement.