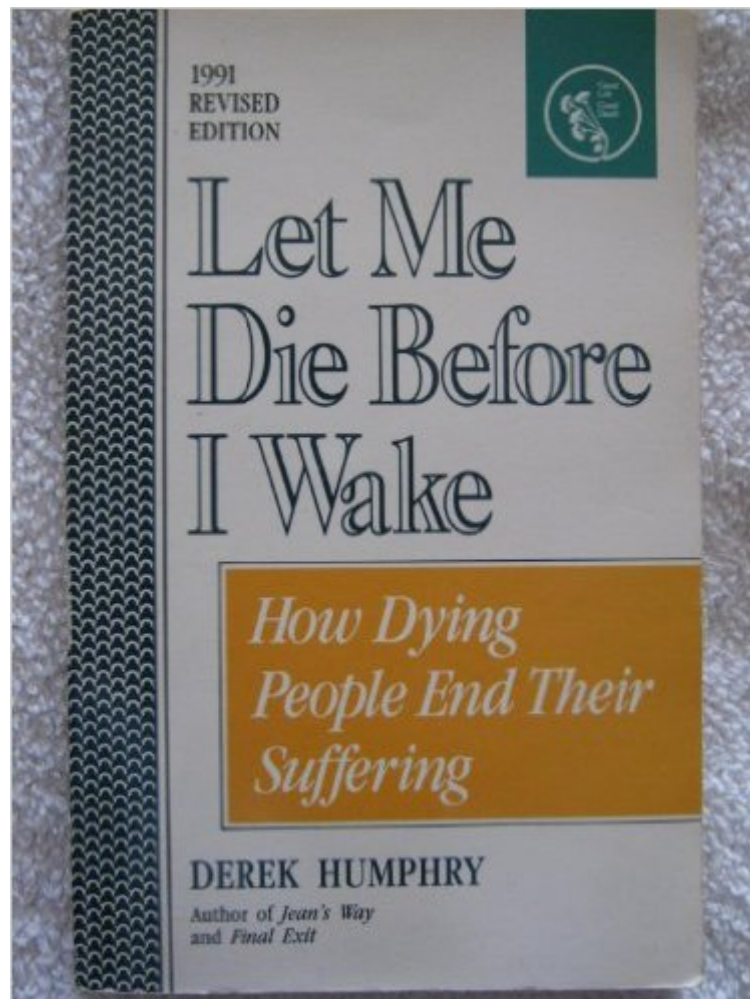


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# Let Me Die Before I Wake: Hemlock's Book Of Self-Deliverance For The Dying



## Synopsis

From the author of the phenomenal #1 national bestseller *Final Exit*, a collection of moving, true stories about terminally ill people who chose to die on their own terms. Humphry, founder of the National Hemlock Society, provides valuable information on the proper use of lethal drugs to accomplish a death with dignity.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a difficult book to read. Not because it is poorly written, on the contrary, but because of the stories contained within. In it the author describes the steps taken by several people in order to end their own lives (mostly through overdoses), in some cases through the direct help of close relatives, with one story covering the death of the author's first wife. These stories serve as the argument for the means of committing suicide being made available, and being accepted by society, and shows how terminally ill people may preserve their dignity by taking their lives into their own hands. In addition, two of the stories show the trouble that may result from the lack of assistance in such an endeavor, and the additional pain that may result when clumsy attempts fail and the people involved have to go further than should ever be necessary (shooting, asphyxiation). The book also contains advice on how to commit suicide, for those who are actually contemplating such a thing, and gives good advice as to how to approach the subject, stressing an open dialogue with the nearest and dearest. However, the advice is in my opinion limited, and I would not suggest that anybody uses this book as their only reference, should they be contemplating suicide. However, as this is the first book directly dealing with this subject that I've read, I can as of yet offer no advice on other

material. Another reviewer pointed out the lack of a real discussion of when suicide is warranted, which I agree with. There is a short disclaimer in the beginning of the book against "irrational suicide", but a longer discussion of this would have been usable, preferably with resources for those who need it.

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