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There's a quiet revolution happening in the way we die. More than 1.5 million Americans a year die in hospice care—nearly 44 percent of all deaths—and a vast industry has sprung up to meet the growing demand. Once viewed as a New Age indulgence, hospice is now a \$14 billion business and one of the most successful segments in health care. *Changing the Way We Die*, by award-winning journalists Fran Smith and Sheila Himmel, is the first book to take a broad, penetrating look at the hospice landscape.

Changing the Way We Die is a vital resource for anyone who wants to be prepared to face life's most challenging and universal event. You will learn:

- Hospice use is soaring, yet most people come too late to get the full benefits.
- With the age tsunami, it becomes even more critical for families and patients to choose end-of-life care wisely.
- Hospice at its best is much more than a way to relieve the suffering of dying. It is a way to live.

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