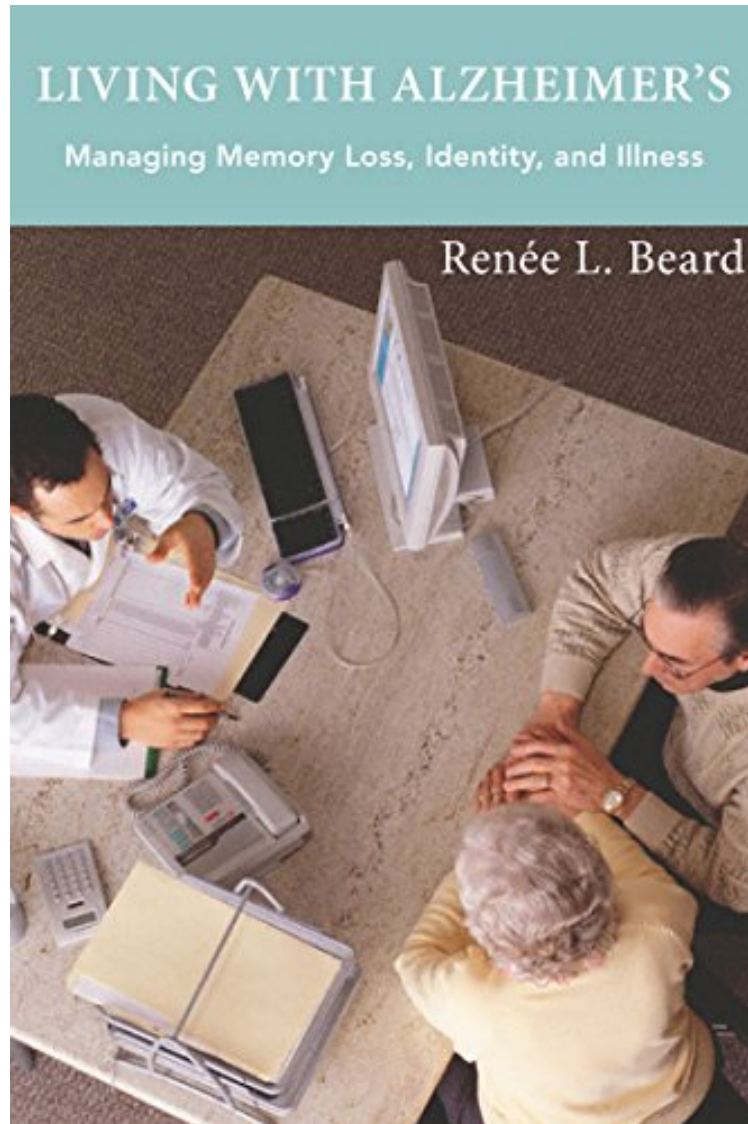


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News of Alzheimers disease is constantly in the headlines. Every day we hear heart-wrenching stories of people caring for a loved one who has become a shell of their former self, of projections about rising incidence rates, and of cures that are just around the corner. However, we don't see or hear from the people who actually have the disease. In *Living with Alzheimers*, Rene L. Beard argues that the exclusively negative portrayals of Alzheimers are grossly inaccurate. To understand what life with memory loss is really like, Beard draws on intensive observations of nearly 100 seniors undergoing cognitive evaluation, as well as post-diagnosis interviews with individuals experiencing late-in-life forgetfulness. Since we all forget sometimes, seniors with an Alzheimers diagnosis ultimately need to be socialized into medicalized interpretations of their forgetfulness. In daily life, people with the disease are forced to manage stigma and the presumption of incompetence on top of the actual symptoms of their ailment. The well-meaning public, and not their dementia, becomes the major barrier to a happy life for those affected.

"Provides an insightful, compelling and timely understanding into the lives of people with memory problems living in a society where cognitive function is still implicitly connected to how we articulate our place in the world . . . highly recommend to scholars interested in the sociology of diagnosis, social studies of dementia, and the sociology of ageing."