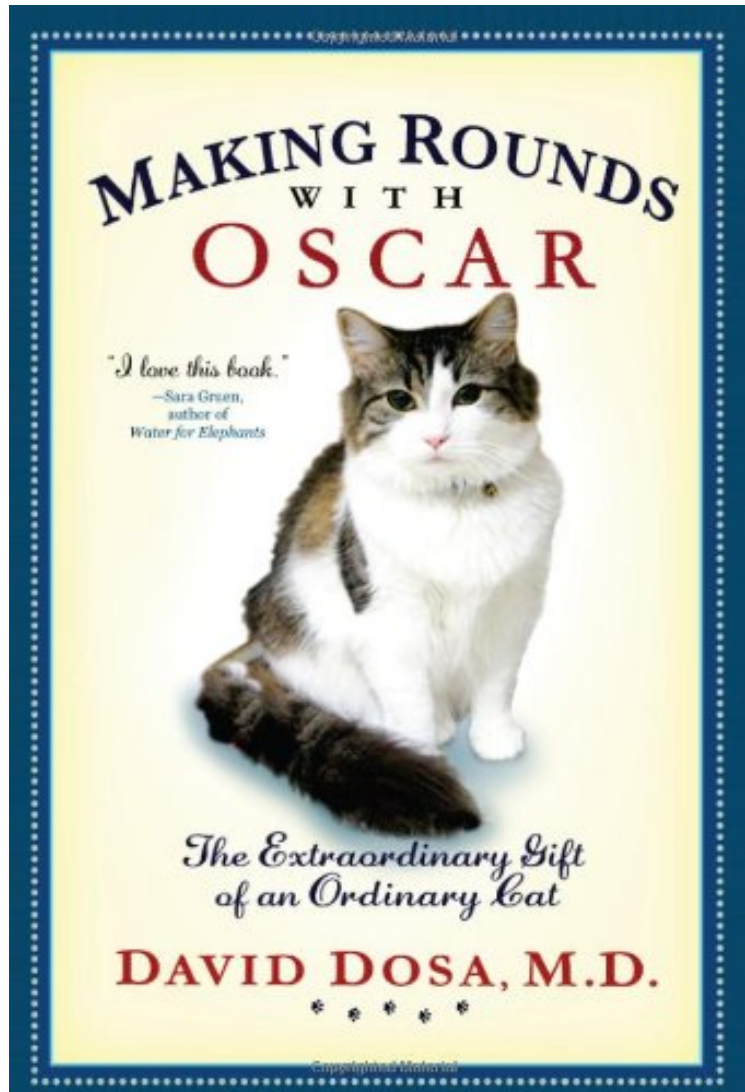


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great read!By Elizabeth J.Great read for anyone in the medical field - especially helpful for geriatric docs. Gives a nice review of what couples and children go through with aging ailments. And the fact that there are cats in the book, focusing on Oscar is fabulous. Sent it to a hospice worker friend

and a geriatrics doc friend. Heartwarming; I felt like I was there with the patients as Dr Dosa told the story. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The cat, death, and the human spirit By edith_k You should get this book if you, a) love cats, b) want to find out more about the lives of people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Dr Dosa writes in an engaging and accessible manner, peppering the book with accounts of his interactions with Oscar, and giving a detailed narrative of his former patients' struggle with the condition. As a scientist and researcher he maintains a kind of healthy skepticism about Oscar's "abilities", but I am certain that after hearing so many people describe the same events (they sound quite repetitive after a while) about the cat's behaviour in the face of a human's death, he would have experienced some kind of conversion of heart. If not at the level of science, at least at the level of faith. Most of all, this is a book written from the heart, with heartwarming insights into death and the human spirit. Keep some tissues handy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing gifts of our four footed friends! By Jautrite Kelpis Soooooo easy to read.....like a news account. Factual and informative about the dreaded disease of Dimensia, as well as familie"s reactions to it. Of course, Oscars is the star. Wonderful recount of our 4 footed friends' intuitive powers.

A remarkable cat. A special gift. A life-changing journey. They thought he was just a cat. When Oscar arrived at the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhode Island he was a cute little guy with attitude. He loved to stretch out in a puddle of sunlight and chase his tail until he was dizzy. Occasionally he consented to a scratch behind the ears, but only when it suited him. In other words, he was a typical cat. Or so it seemed. It wasn't long before Oscar had created something of a stir. Apparently, this ordinary cat possesses an extraordinary gift: he knows instinctively when the end of life is near. Oscar is a welcome distraction for the residents of Steere House, many of whom are living with Alzheimer's. But he never spends much time with them--until they are in their last hours. Then, as if this were his job, Oscar strides purposely into a patient's room, curls up on the bed, and begins his vigil. Oscar provides comfort and companionship when people need him most. And his presence lets caregivers and loved ones know that it's time to say good-bye. Oscar's gift is a tender mercy. He teaches by example: embracing moments of life that so many of us shy away from. Making Rounds with Oscar is the story of an unusual cat, the patients he serves, their caregivers, and of one doctor who learned how to listen. Heartfelt, inspiring, and full of humor and pathos, this book allows readers to take a walk into a world rarely seen from the outside, a world we often misunderstand. Praise for Making Rounds With Oscar "I love this book -- Oscar has much to teach us about empathy and courage. I couldn't put it down." -Sarah Gruen, author of Water for Elephants "At its heart, Dosa's search is more about how people cope with death than Oscar's purported ability to predict it." -The Associated Press "Beautifully written, heartwarming [...] Told with profound insight and great respect for all involved, this is more than just a cat story (although it will appeal to fans of Vicki Myron's Dewey)." -Library Journal "You'll be moved." -People

From Publishers Weekly Dosa, a geriatrician with a strong aversion to cats, tells the endearing story of Oscar the cat, the aloof resident at a nursing home who only spends time with people who are about to die. Despite hearing numerous stories about Oscar's uncanny ability to predict when a patient's time is nearing, Dosa, ever the scientist, remains skeptical. Slowly, he starts to concede that there may be something special about Oscar. Dosa starts to pay more attention to the cat's decidedly odd behavior, noticing that Oscar seeks out the dying, snuggles with the patient and family members until the patient passes; with others, he smells the patient's feet, sits outside a closed door until admitted, or refuses to leave a dying patient's bed. Dosa discovers how powerfully Oscar's mere presence reassures frightened or grieving family. Ultimately, the good doctor realizes that it doesn't matter where Oscar's gift comes from; it's the comfort he brings that's important. This touching and engaging book is a must-read for more than just cat lovers; anyone who enjoys a well-written and compelling story will find much to admire in its unlikely hero. (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "I love this book -- Oscar has much to teach us about empathy and courage. I couldn't put it down." Sarah Gruen, author of Water for Elephants "At its heart, Dosa's search is more about how people cope with death than Oscar's purported ability to predict it." Associated Press "Beautifully written, heartwarming [...] Told with profound insight and great respect for all involved, this is more than just a cat story (although it will appeal to fans of Vicki Myron's Dewey)." Library Journal "You'll be moved." People About the Author Dr. David Dosa is a geriatrician at Rhode Island Hospital and an assistant professor of medicine at the Warrern Alpert Medical School of Brown University, both in Providence.