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## Days Full of Life

Our shared time in hospice

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- Also a love story, by each other's side til the very end
- According to studies, one in ten people would like to die in a hospice setting

What happens when someone moves into a hospice in order to die there? Maria Hagenschneider relates what happened when she moved into a hospice center with her mortally ill husband and lived there for a surprisingly long ten weeks, with all the highs and lows, challenges and opportunities for her personally and for them as a couple.

*Days Full of Life* provides a glimpse of life inside a hospice, and the experiences and conversations this couple had. In flashbacks and reflections, the author explores the process of saying goodbye, from savoring every pain-free hour to the surprising new experiences that remain possible until the last breath is drawn. Deep concern for loved ones is also a theme: paying attention to your own limits and not overextending yourself in this emotionally demanding time.

### About the author

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