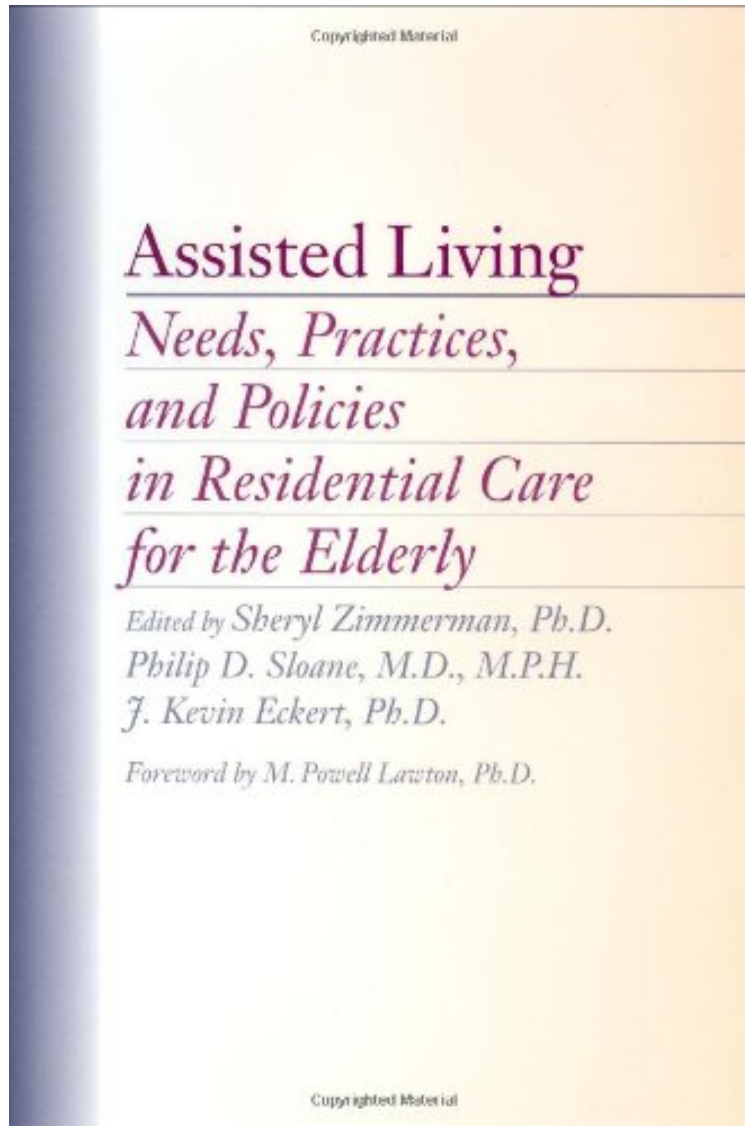


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Well written and researched. By Customer Well written book on LTC with good statistics, although dated, the data and findings are still relevant. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. *Defining Assisted Living* By T. McRae As a lay person anticipating residence in Assisted Living before all is said and done, I wanted to find out just what it is, how to evaluate it, and what pitfalls and protections await the residents. I had read Internet articles suggesting that there are problems with defining Assisted Living, that protection for residents varies from state to state, and that variations are great, even within states. Mr. Lawton's work, combined with B. Schwarz's *Aging, Autonomy, and Architecture: Advances in Assisted Living*, managed to provide me either with the answers or with an explanation of why there are still so many unanswered questions. Lawton's *Needs, Practices and Policies in Residential Care for the Elderly* presents the results of studies and investigations in a number of states, one a potential retirement destination of mine. Both volumes deal with the issue of "aging in place," which turns out to be an urgently important concept to those whose needs might be better served by skilled care (nursing) but an often unwelcome practice to those residents not wishing to be surrounded by the very frail. What happens to those wishing to age in place but who are unable to do so without risk to themselves? What are the issues of liability, as regards the institution? Marketing departments promote the concept of living in a "homelike" atmosphere, but architectural design has traditionally been dictated, and often still is, by practical needs and has been patterned after a "medical" (hospital-like) model, as is the typical nursing home. In the nursing model, the lack of independence and the hospital-like appearance of the establishment apparently contribute to the depression and despair of many residents. What kinds of building styles lend themselves better to the creation of a more homelike atmosphere? Mr. Lawton's studies deal with most of these issues, and his conclusions tend to confirm the information of the other text. The difference? Mr. Lawton's work, as suggested, is based upon studies executed in several states. Mr. Schwarz has compiled a text containing a variety of articles by respected experts in the field from around the country. Both books are valuable because they arrive at many similar conclusions, using different approaches. Mr. Lawton's is a hardback text, perhaps one that more easily fits the bookshelf. But both are excellent, and both enabled me to have a well-informed interview with an assisted living administrator. The lay reader can appreciate these texts by reading attentively, and the elder care administrator will undoubtedly find well-documented discussion and many names familiar to those in the field -- features that would make this a worthwhile text in the office.

With the number of elderly persons needing long-term care expected to double to 14 million over the next two decades, assisted living has become the popular choice for housing or care. Assisted living represents a promising model of long-term care that blurs the sharp distinction between nursing homes and community-based care and reduces the gap between receiving long-term care in one's own home and in an "institution." *Assisted Living: Needs, Practices, and Policies in Residential Care for the Elderly* examines the evolving field of residential care and focuses on national issues of regulation, reimbursement, and staffing. The book is based on a four-state study of assisted living facilities and describes the facilities, the persons residing in them and their needs, and how the services vary by facility. Because one-third to two-thirds of residents in assisted living facilities have cognitive impairment, special attention is devoted to dementia care. The book also focuses on how today's long-term health care environment evolved, and it examines the future direction and implications of assisted living. *Assisted Living: Needs, Practices, and Policies in Residential Care for the Elderly* brings together a group of nationally recognized experts to help define the types of residential care that should be encouraged and sets guidelines for selecting an appropriate type of facility.

"In bringing together and analyzing a large amount of data concerning the status of assisted living and the changing nature of long-term care in the United States based upon the editors' soundly designed, multi-state study this volume makes an original and substantial contribution to the field. This book will appeal to health care planners and policy makers, as well as to students and teachers in gerontology." (Richard Bennett, M.D., The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine) "This study is the largest, most comprehensive study of residential care/assisted living ever undertaken." (Georg Gottschalk *Housing Studies*) "The most comprehensive study of RC/AL ever undertaken... Policy makers, educators, advocates, and service providers along the continuum of care for older adults will find this work impressive." (Susan Daggett *Inside GCM*) From the Publisher "In bringing together and analyzing a large amount of data concerning the status of assisted living and the changing nature of long-term care in the United States based upon the editors' soundly designed, multi-state study this volume makes an original and substantial contribution to the field. This book will appeal to health care planners and policy makers, as well as to students and teachers in gerontology." Richard Bennett, M.D., The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine About the Author Sheryl Zimmerman, Ph.D., is an associate professor, School of Social Work, and co-director and senior research fellow of the Program on Aging, Disability, and Long-Term Care at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; she has conducted numerous research projects directly studying nearly ten thousand residents of long-term care settings and has published widely. Philip D. Sloane, M.D., M.P.H., a geriatrician with broad clinical background in long-term care, is Elizabeth and Oscar Goodwin Distinguished Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and co-author of the text *Dementia*

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