

Navigating The Maze Of Care-giving, Dementia, Sibling Conflict, And Guns



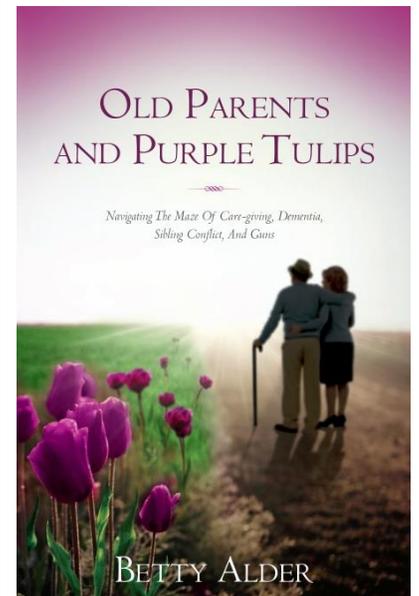
Old Parents and Purple Tulips is the story of one family's plight caught in the reality and unreality called Alzheimer's Disease.

For years since this family saga began, I wanted it not to be true. I denied it was happening. Events tested the very fabric of my soul. I wished I could spare such pain to my loved ones, that this story didn't have to be. Eventually I hoped I might through written account ease the lingering pain to myself and offer support to others.

Therefore, the writing of this story *did* have to be. My personal catharsis, as well as the hope and encouragement to others like me and my loved ones, became my goal. Woven throughout this account is a daughter's own search for some power greater than self to strengthen and sustain her and her family.

Old Parents and Purple Tulips is not a pretty story, but it's a valuable story – a thought-provoking story – a necessary story for American families in the throes of dealing with a burgeoning aging population and for the 3 million people annually diagnosed with Alzheimer's within those families.

Old Parents and Purple Tulips is a fictionalized narrative memoir based on the experiences of one family, their successes and failures in recognizing and dealing with mental deterioration of loved ones, and the impact on family relationships of those who become caregivers. The two-volume story tells of a ten-year traverse through a painful, frustrating, often bizarre, and occasionally humorous pathway as the main caregiver, the daughter in the family, becomes the parent of her parents. This ordeal necessitated her seeking a guardianship for both parents through county superior court, and excluding an older brother based on his financial mismanagement of the parents' affairs and sometimes even physical abuse.



DEDICATION

To my parents who provided years of positive parental nurturing and love in our family structure. Their support helped me persevere in my adulthood when I undertook to become a parental figure to them.

To Don, for his unwavering support and unconditional love in keeping me grounded in my family life and in Christian principles.

To my children Nick and El for their love and devotion to our family and for their effort to be mature beyond their years through some very rough times.

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Bio:

Betty Alder has years of first-hand experience and learned wisdom in caring for elder parents and has worked with both legal and medical experts in the field. Trained as a scientist, Betty's skills in observation and teaching give her a unique ability to navigate and articulate the field of elder-care. And her years of experience in senior caregiving have given her a unique perspective in navigating the maze of Alzheimer's.

Betty Alder is a retired biology/plant science teacher and mycologist. She has written primarily in her scientific field but has had creative work published in *The Reporter* (a local Bremerton newspaper), *Succotash* (a publication of creative writing and poetry in Shelton, WA), and the quarterly national journal *Crone Chronicles, A Journal of Conscious Aging*. Betty lives with her husband on Hood Canal, Hansville, Washington.

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