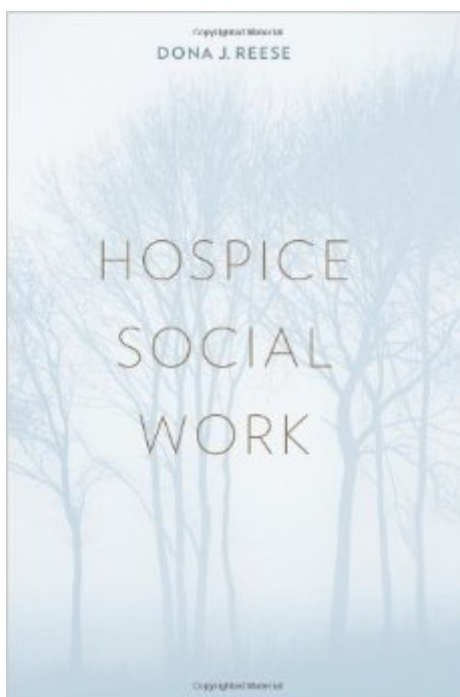


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This new book significantly adds to the growing literature on social work and end-of-life care. Social work educators, clinicians, and researchers would be well served utilizing this comprehensive text. Dona J. Reese provides a historical perspective for new hospice social workers, but also offers substantial content for the seasoned team social worker. The chapter on self-care should be required reading for all hospice/palliative social workers. (Sherri Weisenfluh, LCSW ACHP-SW, Hospice of the Bluegrass) This book is well organized and readable and benefits from occasional

examples of individual cases, sometimes from the author's own experience. (Choice)

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