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Feeling overburdened by your elderly depressed mother? Or maybe you're a parent worried about your withdrawn son. In either instance, this latest title from Rosen, director of family therapy at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, can help. Rosen's work is not as much about the causes and symptoms of depression as about how depression affects relationships. The author's ultimate goal is to help readers learn strategies to counter interaction problems, and she succeeds in this attempt. This empowering title will help readers and their loved one to speed their recovery and to safeguard the relationship against the weight of depression. Every chapter provides step-by-step guidelines for countering the negative effects of depression; special circumstances such as substance abuse or suicidal inclinations are also addressed. This is a solid purchase for all psychology collections. —Marty Dean Evensvold, Magnolia P.L., Tex.  
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Those unfortunate souls who suffer from clinical depression experience extended periods of bleakness so intense it can render them unable to function. But other victims of this disease include the spouses, families, and friends of the depressed, and it is for them that psychologists Rosen and Amador have written this hopeful and empowering guide. When a loved one is afflicted with depression, it is not uncommon for those around them to feel anger, frustration, and despair. Physical ailments are common, too. After showing how to recognize depression in someone else, the authors discuss ways for friends and family to safeguard their own mental and physical health while aiding the depressed person. One key is to appreciate the inevitable communication problems between depressed people and others and to then work through this difficulty. Throughout, the message is that self-education leads to positive change. *Brian McCombie*

Review

Peter Kramer author of *Listening to Prozac* Doctors Rosen and Amador perform a valuable service by posing the important questions: How do you cope with depression when it intrudes on an intimate relationship? Their answers contain practical wisdom that will allow readers to make concrete decisions affecting their own well-being and that of someone they love.

Herbert Pardes, M.D. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice President of Health Sciences, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons A wonderfully sensitive book of benefit to the many people in this country who suffer from the depression their families, loved ones, and friends experience. Its compassion along with its practical problem-solving suggestions will make it invaluable.

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