

Endorsements

“Pastors are privileged to offer ministry in the context of bereavement grief, but in this book Oates takes us into life situations where the significance of grief, separation, and loss often go unnoticed such as divorce and employment situations. These are particular grief experiences, and Oates opens the readers' eyes to expanded opportunities for caregiving. Attentive to the life cycle, Oates insightfully reminds us of separation and loss issues from birth to death. As always, Oates discovers nuggets of biblical wisdom and spiritual insight that ground pastoral care in the Christian tradition and connect caregiving with the faith of the parishioner.”

—Andrew D. Lester Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas

“This is one of those rare resources that is comprehensive and profound while remaining simple and concise in its presentation. Oates directs his work to anticipate, and thus be more responsive to, the losses that occur daily in the life of a congregation. I would recommend this book for introductory courses in pastoral care and as a refresher for those who have been in ministry for many years.”

—William V. Arnold Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia