

Review of: "Narrative Medicine: Enhancing End-of-Life Care with Literary Stories"

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Thank you for a fascinating article. I honestly think we do not use the vast array of literary and visual arts enough in end-of-life care as a means of opening discussions, offering support, and sharing humanity. The concept of an end-of-life doula is one that doesn't receive enough discussion and is often relegated to spiritual care providers only. I have not read all of the suggested resources, though I will. I would have liked to see inclusion in this article of how these resources were chosen and a discussion on how you control for biases--how the advisor values are reflected in the foundational premises of the literary works chosen. How do you address concerns of healthcare workers who can't get into the style of writing of the authors chosen? Do you suggest recommending the books themselves to patients/families? Perhaps in this or in a follow-up article, you could speak about how you have used this approach in your own practice, the benefits, and the challenges you encountered?