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reporting that half of us will spend at least some of our last time on earth in a nursing home. But after reading this book, I feel that I have faced some fears that I've been avoiding. I can also see, when I look at others, the complete arc of their lives, from birth to death, and that perspective does much to make me thankful for whatever the present moment happens to hold for each of us.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A sensitive portrait of aging in America Von J. Carroll Kidder excels at writing about people we take for granted and looking at them with sensitivity and compassion. In this book he takes the reader to Linda Manor, a Massachusetts nursing home, and shows the day to day life of the residents. The stereotypes associated with the elderly are quietly shattered by the men and women introduced in Kidder's book. Lives are relived, pain is dealt with and each day is a challenge to be met. Kidder does not hide his admiration for some of these people and his affection is contagious. You learn to care for these people and that is what makes this book so successful.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderful Story Von Ein Kunde This is one of the best books I have ever read. I have recommended it to several friends. Surprisingly touching. You will remember Joe and Lou long after you finish this book.

Kurzbeschreibung Ninety-year-old Lou quit school after the eighth grade, worked for the rest of his life, and stayed with the same woman for nearly seventy years. Seventy-two-year-old Joe was chief probation officer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, holds a law degree, and has faced the death of a son and the raising of a mentally challenged daughter. Now, the two men are roommates in a nursing home. Despite coming from very different backgrounds, the two become close friends. With an exacting eye for detail, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder examines end-of-life sorrows, joys, and unexpected surprises with poetry and compassion. Struggling to find meaning in the face of mortality, Joe and Lou experience the challenges that come with aging with a grace and dignity that's sure to inspire. About the Author Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1981 nonfiction book *The Soul of a New Machine*, detailing the development of the first computers at Data General Corporation, Tracy Kidder is a best-selling literary journalist and Harvard graduate with an MFA from the University of Iowa. He has written several other nonfiction works that have received critical acclaim, including *The Road to Yuba City: A Journey Into the Juan Corona Murders*; *Strength in What Remains*, the account of a man who survived the Burundi genocide; and *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, a biography of physician, anthropologist, and humanitarian Paul Farmer. He was the first A.M. Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence at the Harvard Kennedy School's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy in 2010. Kurzbeschreibung Ninety-year-old Lou quit school after the eighth grade, worked for the rest of his life, and stayed with the same woman for nearly seventy years. Seventy-two-year-old Joe was chief probation officer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, holds a law degree, and has faced the death of a son and the raising of a mentally challenged daughter. Now, the two men are roommates in a nursing home. Despite coming from very different backgrounds, the two become close friends. With an exacting eye for detail, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder examines end-of-life sorrows, joys, and unexpected surprises with poetry and compassion. Struggling to find meaning in the face of mortality, Joe and Lou experience the challenges that come with aging with a grace and dignity that's sure to inspire. About the Author Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning 1981 nonfiction book *The Soul of a New Machine*, detailing the development of the first computers at Data General Corporation, Tracy Kidder is a best-selling literary journalist and Harvard graduate with an MFA from the University of Iowa. He has written several other nonfiction works that have received critical acclaim, including *The Road to Yuba City: A Journey Into the Juan Corona Murders*; *Strength in What Remains*, the account of a man who survived the Burundi genocide; and *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, a biography of physician, anthropologist, and humanitarian Paul Farmer. He was the first A.M. Rosenthal Writer-in-Residence at the Harvard Kennedy School's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy in 2010. Synopsis This is the story of an old-age home, told mainly through the stories of Lou and Joe, two residents. It is an oral history of their lives and of this century. The author won the Pulitzer Prize for "*The Soul of a New Machine*". This book was shortlisted for the Waterstones/Esquire/Volvo Award for Non-fiction.