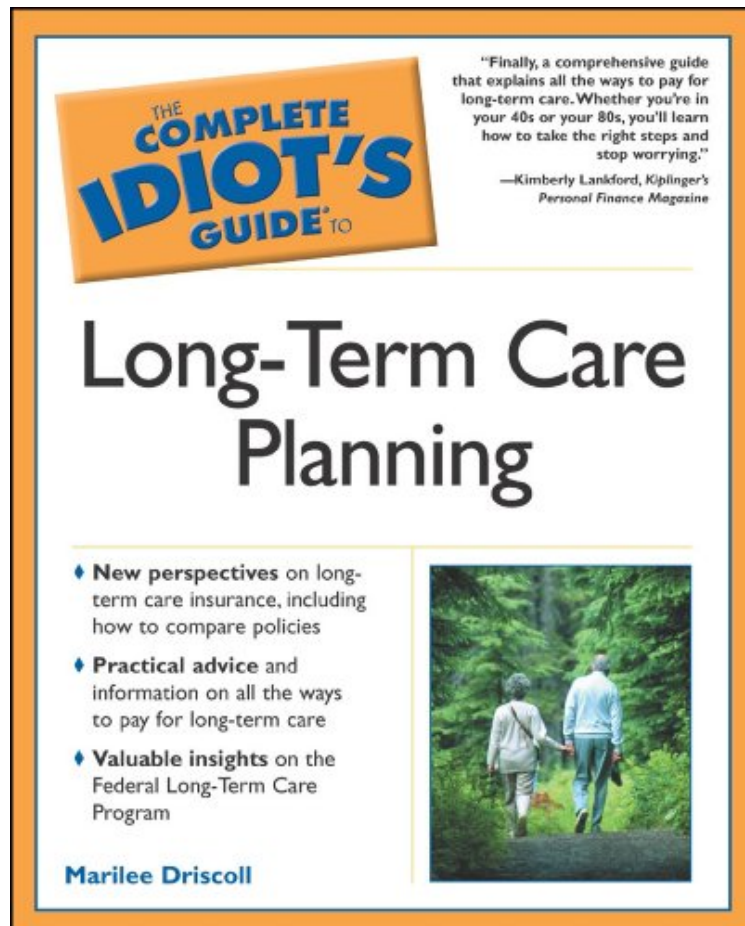



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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is AWESOME!By StaceyI recently read this book and loved it. I had never even heard of long term care insurance, now I feel like anyone who doesn't have it is crazy. Last year, my brother-in-law passed away at 50 years old from ALS. It was an awful time for our family as it was approximately three years of going from a completely healthy guy in his 40s to unable to move or speak and living in a nursing home. The experience was awful in more ways than one. My sister was left with two little kids to care for and a boat load of debt. I wish I had read your book five years ago! Anyway, the book is great. Everyone should read it, although most are probably ignorant about the issues like I was until it happened to me. If you are in your 40s or older, start planning now. If you have aging parents, start planning now. You will feel like you have options if you read this book sooner rather than later.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Quells the fear, illuminates optionsBy C. HouserDidn't think it was possible to feel good about this subject, but this book got me there. This knowledgeable, friendly author plainly answers questions that other professionals can/have not and covers every aspect in a clear,

succinct style. There are many more options than I was aware of and I now have what I need to proceed with making a plan. Thank you for your generosity, Ms. Driscoll! 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. What a relief! By Naomi Karten Without this book I wouldn't have had the courage to face long-term care planning. I perceived the topic as impossibly complex, and frankly, terrifying. The book is amazingly readable for such a dry topic, and it clarified and simplified the issues for me. When I met with my insurance agent, I had a long list of questions about the options in the application. He knew I wasn't a pushover, and actually, I don't think he ever had a client who asked so many solid and informed questions! Considering the devastating cost of nursing homes, this book has potentially saved me many (many!) thousands of dollars. I highly recommend the book to anyone "of a certain age" who knows (or suspects) that they should be worried about long-term care. If you don't know where to start, or you want to sanity check your existing plan, don't even think about it. Just purchase this book!

The basic motivators will drive people to want to learn more about this topic -- fear, money, and insecurity.-- Consumers fear losing their life savings to LTC costs. Yet, they hesitate to buy insurance with an annual premium of \$1,800 without knowing what it covers.-- In October of 2002 (one month after this book's release), the federal government will be rolling out a payroll deduction plan whereby all government employees and retirees (approximately 18 million people) will have the same opportunity to save for their long-term care needs as they currently have for their 401(k).