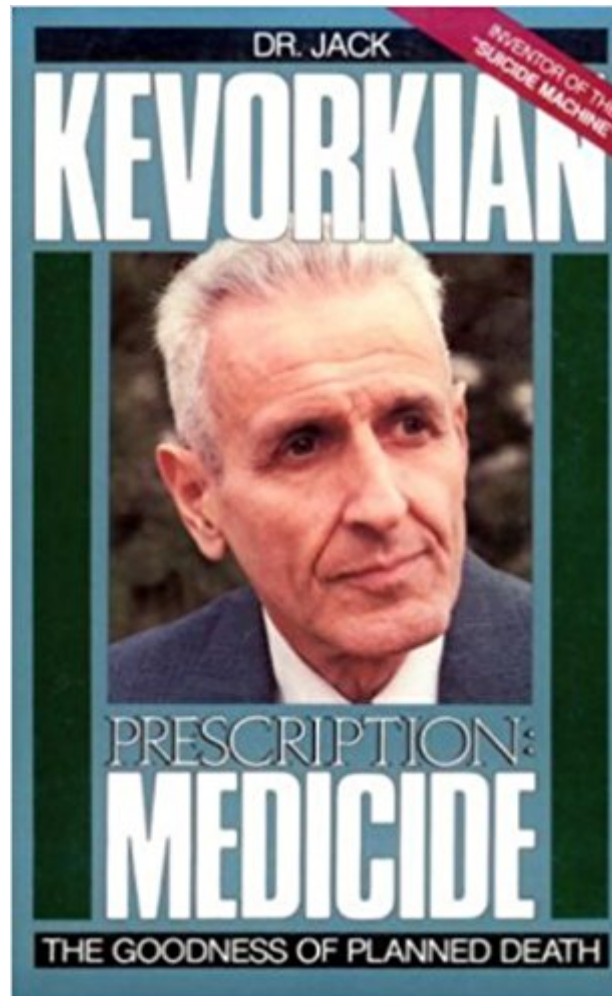




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# Prescription Medicide



## Synopsis

For many years Dr. Kevorkian was at the center of the red-hot debate over physician-assisted suicide. The inventor of the "suicide machine" stirred up both admiration and controversy. His "Deaths with Dignity" won him the accolades of the pro-choice movement. Other groups, like Operation Rescue, the AMA, the Hemlock Society, and especially the Michigan State Legislature, insisted that Kevorkian had gone too far. His much-publicized campaign to assist the terminally ill to commit suicide eventually led to his prosecution and imprisonment. In *Prescription: Medicide*, the famed "suicide doctor" talks about why he was so committed to his struggle. He addresses the need to assist the terminally ill to die, how death row inmates should be allowed to donate organs after their deaths, and the need for medical reform to create a rational program of dignified, humane, beneficial planned death.

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Kevorkian gained notoriety last year when he performed the first publicly acknowledged "physician-assisted suicide" by helping Janet Adkins, a victim of Alzheimer's disease, take her own life. The method of death was the Mercitron, the "suicide machine" Kevorkian invented, which enables a person to self-administer a lethal injection. In this self-dramatizing, often strident manifesto he argues that "medicide," his term for doctor-assisted suicide, is an ethical option that should be extended not only to the infirm or terminally ill, but also to inmates on death row. Condemned prisoners, he maintains, should, if they choose, be executed via general anesthesia, with the option of donating organs or having their intact bodies used for medical experimentation.

Kevorkian's contention that the existence of his machine renders moral questions about euthanasia obsolete is simplistic. His book is likely to stir a hornet's nest of controversy. Photos. 50,000 first printing; \$50,000 ad/promo; author tour. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I expected more explicit information, and was disappointed to find out that it was an effort to persuade the public to pass laws allowing prisoners to donate their bodies to medicine.

My curiosity told me to read this, and I was amazed at the depth of it all (and knowing that is was illegal). The human mind is a scary thing!

Its a horrible "reprint" which is just like a cheap photocopy.

Awesome book

The person I gave it to as a 60th birthday present hasn't taken the hint yet. Perhaps I need to buy another one of Dr. K's books for further encouragement. Remember, once the window of opportunity to leave with dignity is closed, it is closed forever.

"Dr. Death" got his start with campaigns to allow death row inmates to donate their organs (currently organ donation is impossible). If you take a heart, a liver, two kidneys, two corneas, and bone marrow from a willing donor with a known execution date, and you can save quite a few lives with his death. It's common-sense arguments like these, not grisly death-obsession, that makes this book worth reading. I expect that some readers will find the sections on euthanasia distasteful, but the subject is handled carefully and smartly. For all his faults, Kevorkian is a strong and articulate voice who is too often written off automatically as a crank and a murderer. Read this book in order to balance your perspective, then judge him if you wish.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's 1991 book advocating voluntary medical experimentation on, and organ

donation from, death row inmates and assisted suicide patients is written in a clear, lucid, and intelligent manner. Kevorkian argues why euthanasia-- given the right controls-- should be legal and available to terminally ill and suffering patients. Anybody who thinks this man is a nutcase will change his or her mind after reading this well-thought out book. He also makes us look at our own knee-jerk reactions to certain issues regarding death and see how irrational they are. The world needs more brilliant minds like Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

I purchased this book here from and after reading it I sent it, along with a nice letter in support of Kevorkian to him. Within 2 weeks he personally signed and returned my book to me. I enjoyed this book. It explains how and why he got into assisted suicide. If you are against what Dr. Jack does, be open minded and read this book. He is not a weird old man, he is a humanitarian. He makes no salary, and does this because he doesn't want people to suffer. You will enjoy this book... I couldn't put it down.

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