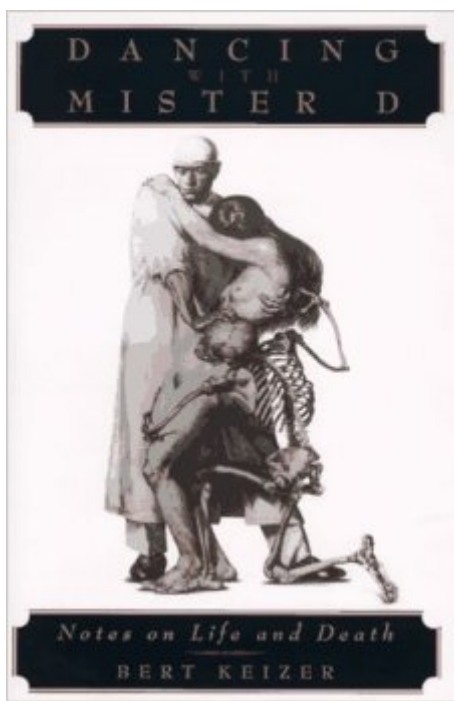


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# Dancing With Mr. D.



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A truly intimate bedside companion to death and dying -each and all - one by one. What a great book.And how human we all are and how little the consolation of philosophy!

Dr. Bert Keizer really held my attention with this book he is an awesome writer and I really enjoyed this book from the first page. He is ruggedly honest and fair to his patients, even kind and gentle when they are dying.I enjoyed the humor, the brutal honesty, and the intellectual integrity of this beautiful and insightful book.My only complaint is the translation from Dutch to English is less-than-perfect. It seems that the editor was in a hurry or not interested in the final outcome of this book. But overall it is very great reading!

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