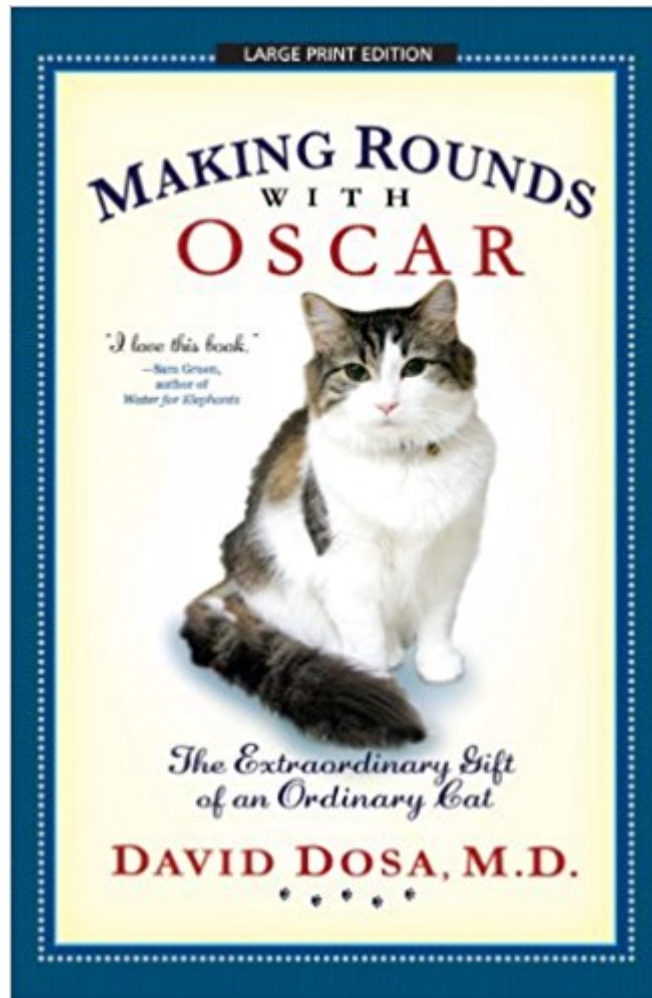




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# Making Rounds With Oscar



## Synopsis

The staff at Steere House nursing home in Rhode Island adopted a cute little kitten with attitude. He loved to stretch out in sunlight and chase his tail -- and consented to a cuddle when it suited him. Oscar was an ordinary cat -- or so it seemed. It wasn't long before he created a stir. It seems Oscar possessed an extraordinary gift: he instinctively knew when the end of life was near. This is the story of Oscar -- his patients -- caregivers and one stubborn doctor who learned how to listen.

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Dr David Dosa is a geriatrician in Rhode Island and an assistant professor of medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr Dosa has published in scientific peer-reviewed literature in the areas of nursing home quality improvement, delirium and end of life care. He lives in Rhode Island with his wife and two children. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had heard about Oscar and wanted to know more. I hadn't realized he was part of the 'team' in a dementia ward. While this book doesn't talk as much about Oscar as I would have liked, it's still very much worth your while reading it. The author talks a lot about dementia - and of course this is to be expected as it is what he is involved in. Some of the stories about the patients BEFORE they got dementia are really interesting. The impact that Oscar has on the lives of the people who are or were in contact with him - staff of Steere House, patients and the patients' families - is AMAZING!!

ALL animals are AMAZING and I'm ever so grateful to God that we have these incredible creations in our lives. I know how enriching it is to have pussycats as valued members of our family so I know how valuable it would be for a caring environment like a nursing home to have these beautiful creations gracing their hallways. It's really great that so many people love cats and that cats can give so much joy to people - especially in the last days of their lives here on earth. I don't think we give enough credit to pets and their ability to enrich our lives. God bless ALL animals and the people who are passionate about them! xo xo xo xo xo xo

Love this book. Can't say enough good things to say about this book. I am a self-admitted cat person. One of my sister has been diagnosed with dementia. The book is not a medical journal. I found it reassuring and even humorous. Best of all, don't feel guilty, it isn't your fault. Patience varies among individuals, relationships,, etc. This may seem obvious to some but is reassuring to others. God bless you all.

Told by physician Dr David Dosa, the story of Oscar, a care cat at a New York hospice for people in the terminal stages of dementia, is engaging and touching but wonderfully devoid of sentimentality. Oscar has a special gift - the ability to determine the hour of a patient's death before the medical signs become obvious to staff. Not so hard to fathom given the super sensory perceptions of animals. Making the Rounds with Oscar is also incredibly informative. I have a close neighbour in the early stages of dementia and this crash course in a condition that affects so many came at just the right time for me to help her in the right way. People with dementia are not like children. Children learn. People with dementia are in the process of ``unlearning'' everything. That simple fact has made me much more understanding and patience. Thanks Oscar.

This book is about Oscar but it's much more. It's the backstory of the patients and their families in the dementia ward where Oscar makes his rounds. For someone whose beloved Mother struggled with dementia, these families in the book looked a lot like ours and helped us not to feel so alone.

We are not finished reading this book yet, but so far it is living up to its high recommendation we received from a friend

So enjoyed this book. Loved the cat but more than that is the story of the decline of the elderly at this nursing home. Anyone who has a loved one with dementia should read this.

Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat one of the most beautiful books I ever read: compassionate, kind and written without a lot of medical jargon. I was given a copy when it first came out, but unfortunately a friend borrowed it and I never saw it again. I was thrilled to see it on Kindle - one thing for sure, I'll never lend my Kindle...and if Oscar ever 'fathers' kittens, I wouldn't mind having one!

Just loved this, especially since I have worked as a nurse and with elders and the dying

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